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*Acts 8:31*  
*"And he said, How can I,  
except some man should  
guide me? And he desired  
Philip that he would come  
up and sit with him."*

### **MARCH - APRIL, 2009**

Dear Pastor & Church Family,

Malawi is a place where you may meet some unusual and eccentric people. I went to the petrol station to fill up my car with petrol (gasoline). While the attendant was pumping my petrol, a middle aged man came to the car and said, "How are you? My name is Prophet Billy." I told him I was fine, and then he told me that he didn't go to church or to the mosque. He told me that he was a street prophet. After a little more casual conversation, he told me that I was going to heaven. I asked him, "How do you know that?" He told me that my car's license plate had a number seven in it. He said that the number seven was a heavenly number. My car's license plate number happens to be BM 766. I told him that I knew I was going to heaven because I had asked Jesus Christ to save me many years ago. When I mentioned my Savior's name, his countenance became noticeably troubled. After that, I gave him the plan of salvation, but he was not interested in getting saved. While I was getting into my car, he told me that he didn't have any money and that he lives off of the gifts from others. I was glad to have had the opportunity to give him the Gospel, but he was quite an odd character.

Our Lord has abundantly blessed us with much fruit during these last two months. One of our faithful Evangelists, Brother Wells, recently led a young man to the Lord whom he had been witnessing to for many months. His name is Sidreck. After he was saved, we gave him a Chichewa Bible, and now Brother Wells is teaching him the Word of God. Another older man, who sells vegetables to Wells, also asked the Lord to save him. His name is Daniel. He had been asking Brother Wells and Pastor Shadrack many questions about things in the Word of God during the past month. They answered his questions, and then they gave him the Gospel. After hearing the Gospel many times, he finally asked the Lord to save him. Thank you very much for praying with us about the salvation of Pat's wife, who was a Muslim. She asked the Lord to save her about two weeks ago in a Sunday morning worship service. Pray for her growth as a new believer in Christ, and pray that her Lord will give her wisdom and much courage to endure the persecution that will surely come from her Muslim family. Melody also had the joy of leading 27 teenagers to the Lord in an open air children's church service at two of our churches. A young man, whose name is Berson, and a teenager named Avis asked the Lord to save them recently too.

March was a very busy month for me. I had meetings with our church officers and our board of trustees from four of our regions. We discussed many blessings and problems in our ministry, and then they elected their new officers and board members. Our Ndirande/Bvumbwe Bible College has also been going very well. Four of our men have just received their two year Bible certificates. April is a joyful month for our Malawian people especially after a great rainy season. I am filled with joy too when I see our people happily harvesting their white maize. We had an encouraging Easter Service with Pastor Stephen Kampeni and his church family at Chimwakhunda Fundamental Baptist Church. We also had the Lord's Supper which is a Malawian custom on Easter Sunday for our churches. Thanks so much for your prayers for us, for our National Pastors, and for praying for our various local church ministries. Thanks also for your liberal giving which makes it possible for us to live and to serve our precious Lord. We do appreciate all of the reading glasses that you have sent us too. We count it an honor and a privilege to be your missionaries to the people of Malawi, Africa.

Serving in His yoke,

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