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Yara and Alan Cristales Visit Malawi

In a little village in central Malawi, Alan Cristales of NCM Canada met another Allen. He is pictured above with his wife Eveness in front of their village home along with Yara Cristales.

Allen and Eveness are a vibrant young couple who are seeking to transform their village for Christ. Allen is the pastor of the local Nazarene church and Eveness teaches in the Child Development Centre they have started in their church, ministering to children on weekdays.

Eveness also works as a volunteer with NCM Malawi, helping to oversee Child Development projects in her area. Every Nazarene church in this area has a child development program. While there, Alan and Yara brought chalk and soccer balls to each CDC.

Eveness and several other lady farmers from her village learned about conservation agriculture being practiced in an adjacent village – a project funded by NCM Canada. These lady farmers have adopted Conservation Agriculture practices and are teaching others.

Read in this issue how conservation farming and child development are leading the way for the planting of churches and the spread of the Gospel in central Malawi.

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Executive Director of NCM Canada

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WELLS ARE BEING DUG!

POOR FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING GOATS!

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

"IT ALL STARTED WITH A POT"



REV. DENNIS HUBERT, PASTOR OF THE O'LEARY CHURCH BEGINS THE STORY...

"Our Monday evening Ladies Bible study take a collection every week of loonies and toonies and then decide what missions project they would like to support. In the past they have bought goats from the NCM catalogue but last January (2018) they gave me around \$100 U. S. to take with me to Malawi.

When we visited the villages in central Malawi where NCM Canada is funding conservation agriculture (CA) projects, we decided to go to a new village called Chisawa where a few farmers had adopted CA practices. These two lady farmers had visited nearby Ndaava village where the CA project was being implemented. They liked what they saw and they tried CA methods. They wanted us to see their fields and wanted to talk to us about their challenges with CA.. While visiting with them, we also asked if there is any other needs they had. Their response was that they needed some supplies to start a child development (CDC) in their village. They had a teacher and a building but needed a blackboard and a few other things to begin teaching the children. (the pot was included with those supplies) So I left the money with Chinsinsi, the NCM Malawi coordinator so that he could buy the pot and the

supplies and deliver them to Chisawa village"

When the NCM Canada team visited Chisawa village early this year, the women came bounding up to the car to greet us and ran and got the pot. They excitedly showed us the church / CDC building (in the background) and told us that a child development centre had been started and a Nazarene church had been planted. About 180 people are currently attending the church. While we were in Chisawa village, two women came walking into the village from a neighbouring village near Chisawa and said that they had seen CA methods being practiced in Chisawa and "would we please come to their village?" They had adopted the CA methods and wanted the Church to come to their village.

The conservation agriculture (CA) project funded by NCM Canada started 5 years ago with 21 farmers in 7 villages and now we estimate that there are over 1000 farmers in 15 or more villages practicing CA methods. Everywhere that CA methods are adopted, the Church is also invited to come. Thank you for giving to NCM Canada conservation agriculture (CA) and livelihoods projects. You are making a difference!



"The Building Has Helped To Change the Lives of Children and Others"

This is a quote from the pastor of the Chiioko Church of the Nazarene in Malawi. Up until last year, the Chiioko congregation and the Child Development (CDC) initiative they had started, met under

The pastors all report a significant increase in the number of people attending church services and children attending the CDC's. The presence of the Church carrying out holistic ministries in each community, has increased the acceptance of the Church by the tribal chiefs. Chiefs of surrounding communities are asking the Church to come to their communities.

Alan and Yara Cristales, together with Elaine Bumstead of NCM Canada visited these churches on January 20 and 21 and met with both tribal chiefs and local pastors. When NCM Canada started working with NCM Malawi in this area there were 5 established Nazarene churches, and now there are 10.



Visiting the new church building at Chioko and the children.

a thatched roof bamboo shelter (pictured above) which offered little protection from the hot sun, rain and wind. Thanks to a generous Canadian Nazarene donor, a very basic but strong and functional brick church building was constructed last year.

Similar church buildings funded by the same donor were constructed in the nearby villages of Kudziwe and Kambewa last year.



Pastor (striped shirt) and local tribal chief at the Chioko church.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES



NCM is providing a safe shelter and care for newly rescued children – survivors of cybersex trafficking.

A team consisting of house parents, a doctor, a social worker, a psychologist, and nurses are providing trauma counselling, individualized treatment and spiritual care for a period of 3 months.

After 3 months, the child will be reunited with their family or placed in foster care or adopted.

You can help!

PRAY: for these children and for those who care for them. Pray that they can be reintegrated into a loving home.

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Children at Zukuma Nazarene School.



Elaine, Alan, and Yara visit with school committee.

"We Love What You Have Done"

This was the message conveyed by the District Superintendent, Rev. Robert Chinula, to Elaine, Yara, and Alan on their recent visit to Zukuma Nazarene School. "The school, especially the construction of the new classroom building (pictured above right) has helped very much in evangelism. The community people now see that the Nazarene Church is a caring church. The people know the Church better and like what they see. Our children are in good hands! The people like the doctrine of the Church of the Nazarene. They see the change in character and behaviour. They call it 'chi-er-o'".

"Please give us a chapel" was the request of the school committee, "and three more teacher's houses.

These are our priorities" they said. There are 370 students attending the school and only 5 full time teachers and one teacher's assistant.

Cost of chapel / church building \$15,000 About \$7500 has already been raised.

Cost per teacher's house is about \$4500. If a house is provided, the teacher's will come to this remote area.

Send any donations to the Church of the Nazarene Canada, designated "Zukuma School" or donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca or Call 1-888-808-7490.

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