

BISHOP'S VISITATION TO MONKEY BAY

In his programme, the Rt. Rev Dr J P Bvumbwe, Bishop of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi started his visitation programme of 2003 with Monkey Bay Parish.

The Bishop visited Thema II, Mponya and Mtakataka Turn Off (MTO) Primary Schools. In his programme he cheered orphans. Pupils were privileged to receive footballs and netballs in all the mentioned schools. The programme started on 25th June 2003 with Thema II and ended on 29th June

2003 when the Bishop worshiped at Matekwe Congregation in Malembo Parish In Preparation.

Present were Mrs M Bvumbwe, Women Advisor, Evangelist J Songa the Youth Coordinator, Mrs Majuni, Acting Women Coordinator and Rev E Mphalasa who is the Pastor of Monkey Bay and Mangochi. The Trumpet Choir of Lilongwe Cathedral escorted the Bishop during the visitation.

APOLOGY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Information Department is apologizing to the public for the silence of Tigawane News for four months. This has happened due to

the reasons beyond the Department's control.

INTERNET CONNECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church is informing the public that all partners can send their mail using this Internet Address: elcmwi@malawi.net and the new fax number is 01724994

Four Youth Members visits America

In its noble way of encouraging exchange visits between ELCM and ELCA, the church in Malawi has been sending youths to learn and teach exchanged experiences for America and Malawi.

Last year six youths went to America where Bishop Dr J P Bvumbwe invited them for the visit. This year the church through the Bishop has sent four members who will be at Luther Ridge. Pastor Tim who is the Director of the Camp welcomed the participants.

These young ones include Bertha Kasiya and Costance Maujo from Lilongwe Parish. Mike Mawazo Mwenefumbo from Karonga Parish and Charles Kazembe from Balaka Parish.

They departed the country on 16th June 2003.

ELCM LOSES ITS SECRETARY

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi is in deep sorrow for losing its Secretary. Mrs

Eunice Mhango died on 17th June 2003. She has been working with ELCM for more than fifteen years.

The Secretary was laid to rest in his home district, Thyolo.

YOUTH CHOIR B GOES TO ZAMBIA

Youth Choir B started praising the Lord through singing in early 1999. The Group has performed several miracles. Mpherero Chapel in Nkhotakota Parish is one of the outcome of the Choir.

The group went to Zambia on where they stayed for one week. They were back from the trip on 21st April 2003.

ZOMBA PARISH

BISHOP'S VISITATION

After visiting Monkey Bay Parish His Lordship Bishop Dr J P Bvumbwe visited Zomba Parish.

The Bishop visited congregants in Zomba from 4th July to 6th July 2003. He visited Kachipama Congregation, Lake Chirwa and Mayaka Parishes. Before visiting Zomba the Bishop inspected Chikwawa and Phalombe ELDP Projects.

Rev I Siyani of Zomba, Rev Kashawo of Lake Chirwa and Rev Wallo of Mayaka Parishes expressed their concern and joy with the visit of the Bishop.

People of Zomba welcomed His Lordship with warm hands. Lutherans expressed their

happiness to the Bishop and told him problems they are facing. Miss P Chazuka, representing Women Department, Evangelist J Songa and the Women Advisor were present.

NJIRA YA MTANDA –

Chilumba Parish

Mpingo wa Evangelical Lutheran umakumbukira kufa kwa Ambuye Yesu chaka chili chonse.

Chaka chino cha 2003 mwambowu

unali opambana ku Chilumba Parish. Akhristu osachepera 845 a Parish yonse anasonkhana pa likulu la Parish imeneyi pa Chilumba. Ma choir wochokera m`makongelegeshon i asanu ndi atatu adaimba nyimbo zokumbukira imfa ya Ambuye wathu Yesu Khristu. Ndipo mu ulaliki wa tsikuli, a Busa a Chibwe anakumbutsa a Khristu kuti mu imfa ya Yesu mkoyenera kusiya zochimwa zomwe anthu amachita pa dziko. Utatha ulaliki inakwana nthawi yomwe anawonetsa

ma Drama wokumbukira imfa ya Ambuye.

Ndipo pa tsiku la Kuuka kwa Ambuye mpingo unapangitsa mwambo wa Ubatizo ndi Kulandila Akhristu, ndipo Ana 25 anabatizidwa, anthu 19 analandilidwa ku ma Masakalamenti

Mwambo wa mapemphero unayambika pa 18 April 2003 ndipo unatha pa 20 April 2003.

Mbusa D G Chibwe
Chilumba Parish

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' SEMINAR

Salima Mission Area has been for a long time exploring other ways that could enhance its member's commitment to the church. Among these various ways are Christian teachings, Bible Studies and some revival meetings. These have brought a

considerable impact but there was still something else very important to be done that should go in conjunction with these teachings so that as to procure a maximum impact. This was a proper Sunday School Teaching that would bring a broad basic understanding of Christianity to our children. Based on this phenomenon, Salima Mission Area under the leadership of its Parish Pastor Rev Frohlich organized and hosted a Sunday School Teachers` Seminar on 12th April 2003.

This Seminar drew participants from all the five preaching points that make Salima Mission Area. Each Preaching Point sent two teachers. In reality it was a seminar of its kind. It started by devotion from Mark 10:13-16 conducted by Rev Frohlich. Thereafter he welcomed all the ten participants and the members of staff present and later posed a question as to why we should teach Sunday School. Various answers and opinions were given to this question but we unanimously agreed that we teach Sunday School in order to bring Christ to our children that they should know him, stay in him and abide with him.

We were introduced to the Teaching Format and methods. Among of them, Sunday School Songs, telling a Bible Story in a manner that could make children understand it and also teaching the word of God in the simplest way like parables.

The Seminar was closed by Rev Frohlich around 4:00 pm The seminar will improve the Christian living standard of children and hopefully will encourage other parents who were adamant to send their children to Sunday School due to lack of proper teaching.

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ZAMBIAN PASTOR VISITS

MALAWI

Evangelical Lutheran Church started in Malawi and Zambia in the same year 1982. But the growing of the church in Malawi is very fast than Zambia. As of now ELCM has a number of Christians more than 45,000 unlike the Western Border Country that has not more than 6,000 faithfuls.

Rev Kaumba, Senior Pastor of ELCZ came to Malawi on 4th July 2003 when he joined Bishop Dr J P Bvumbwe in his Pastoral Visit of Zomba, Mayaka, and Lake Chirwa Parishes. The Pastor learnt a lot in Malawi. He saw how the church is growing in the

country and took note of all the activities so that he will expose that idea in his country. He also visited Lilongwe Cathedral and had interviews with some church officials.

His wife and Mathews Mphande who is the Youth Chairman of ELC in Zambia accompanied him. He went back to Zambia on 9th July 2003.

CO – WORKERS RETREAT

Every year the church gathers Co – Workers in order to refresh

them in Christian living. This year the retreat started on 15th July 2003. The Rt. Rev Dr J P Bvumbwe of ELC

in Malawi officially opened the programme.

Some of the subjects taught during the retreat were

Bible Study, Aids Awareness, Finances and other general

PASTORS BIDS
FAREWELL TO
DEAN BANDA

After retreat, which held at Lilongwe Cathedral from 15th to 16th July 2003, Pastors were privileged to attend farewell party of Dean J M Banda in the evening of 16th July 2003.

The Dean will on 5th August 2003 fly to America where

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discussions. The programme ended on 16th 2003.

he will be on Sabbatical Leave and attend Masters of Arts Degrees in Evangelism. He will be in USA for two years and expected to be in Malawi by July 2005. In his speech, Dean Banda thanked the support Bishop Dr J P Bvumbwe and the church have done to his achievement.

He was honoured by the Bishop to be the Dean

of ELCM throughout his service in the church although his ten years has expired. He has received this for the good work the Dean has been working during his ten years assisting the Bishop.

The staff of Head Office and other Institutions of the church also attended the party.

CHIMBOWA CHAPEL

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi is in a forefront of encouraging companionship between it and other Lutheran Churches worldwide.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa is one of the companions of ELCM. Recently eleven youths from Pretoria visited the country

and helped in building of Chimbowa Chapel, which is in Lilongwe Parish. The group came to Malawi on 28th June 2003 and was together with Malawian Youths building the church. Some of the activities during the period were carrying bricks using Ox-Cat from the ovens, doing other jobs in bare foot in African Style and carrying other materials on their heads.

Rev B Mahenge of Lilongwe Parish said that Chimbowa Congregation started in July 2001 and has more than two hundred congregants. The group helped in building the chapel until window level and went back to South Africa on 7th July 2003.

There were six boys namely Anton Botha, Wolfgang Meyer, Ulrich

Hertel, Bernard Hambrock, Gerhard Krehl and Rudolf Harms and five girls accompanied the group were Marlies Von Seydlitz, Petra Meyer, Damaris Helwig, Louise Bekker and Christel Dedekind.

CHITIPA PROFILE

Chitipa was previously known as Broken Hill. It is one of the five districts of Northern Region of Malawi. This district was before Malawi's Independence part and parcel of Karonga District. It was known as Broken Hill due to one of its important hills, which in appearance looks like a broken, but in reality it is not. Chitipa is found to the apex of Malawi in the northern part of it. It is bordered by Tanzania to the north and Zambezi to the west with Songwe River flowing between Malawi and Tanzania. The word Chitipa was named due to the muds, which are locally called Matipa found in a place "Ipulukutu".

The district is comprised of five areas of Bulambya, Kameme, Misuku, Wenya and Nthalire. There are about seventeen languages spoken in Chitipa. It has a population of hundred and thirty thousand people. Being a mountainous area, people live in uplands and hilly places therefore causing degradation to the environment to their manual activities.

HIV/Aids is a problem in the district and not less than twenty thousand people are living HIV/Aids positively. Death rate is high in the district and hence orphanage is on the increase.

Chitipa has two
ELCM Parishes of
Chitipa North with

727 members and Chitipa Central having 503
members from the statistics of 30th April 2003.

Sources from ELCM Information Library

YOUTH LEADERS SEMINAR

Youth Department is in a
forefront in equipping young
ones for their better future in
leadership. The department will
hold Youth Leaders Seminar
from 8th to 9th August 2003.

Evangelist J E Songa the Youth
Coordinator of the church said
that it is important youth to learn
more what is important in
Lutheran. Some of the subjects
that will be taught are Role of
Youth in the Church,
Stewardship, Leadership
including Scout Activities.

Presenters will be Mr H Mtegha,
Rev Mngongonda, Miss G
Mabviko, Rev B Mahenge, Rev
Mphalasa and Rev N Fungo.

This seminar is for all parishes in
central region and each parish
will send two boys and two girls.

PRE-COUNTRY STRATEGY OUTLINE FOR MALAWI

Evangelical Lutheran Development
Programme has been holding
workshops in preparation for the
transition. The organization will be
called Evangelical Lutheran
Development services after withdraw
of LWF/WS.

Church Officials, Community
Members and ELDP Staff gathered
from 16th to 22nd June 2003 at ELCM
Church Centre to assess the national
workshop, which comprised grass-
root community representatives from
areas where ELDP is currently
implementing project activities.

Invited guests from ELCA and
LWF/WS were briefed about the
development of the organization in
the country. Participants visited some
of the Integrated Community
Development Programmes (ICDP)
and had opportunity to inspect food
security, water sanitation, HIV/Aids

control and Human Rights
Programmes.