KNOWING JESUS.
FOLLOWING JESUS.
TRANSFORMING GENERATIONS.

The Jesus Film Project, discipleship and new beginnings across Central Malawi



Dear friends and faithful partners,

One of our greatest privileges is witnessing God raise a new generation of disciples across the villages of Central Malawi. We are not content simply to introduce children to Bible stories. Our prayer is that they will know Jesus personally, love His Word, follow Him wholeheartedly, and grow into courageous, Kingdom-minded leaders in their own communities.

In places where idolatry, animism and religious syncretism have shaped beliefs for generations, we are intentionally teaching the next generation to build their lives upon Scripture. We long to see children and teenagers develop a biblical worldview, a renewed mindset and a lasting love for Jesus that influences their families and villages.

PART 1 | KNOWING JESUS

From watching Jesus to walking with Jesus

We use Knowing Jesus, a free discipleship resource from the Jesus Film Project. Video segments are available in many languages, including Chichewa, the language our children speak. With a Jesus Film tablet or smart TV, our Youth Team makes the life and teachings of Jesus accessible and engaging.





Our gatherings begin with worship and prayer. The children watch the selected story twice. Then a volunteer retells what they have seen, while the others fill in details the storyteller may have missed. This encourages attentive listening, strengthens understanding and builds the confidence to share biblical truth.





Next, the children break into small groups to discuss questions about the video segment and its biblical message. The groups report back on what they have discovered, and we normally conclude with testimonies and prayer. Our goal is not merely for children to remember a Bible story, but for the truth of God's Word to take root and change how they live.

Explore the free Jesus Film Project discipleship resources: A Christian Media Ministry: Jesus Film Project

FROM DISCIPLES TO DISCIPLE-MAKERS

Raising the next generation of Kingdom leaders

We are witnessing significant spiritual growth. Our children are learning to share the Gospel one-on-one and to participate in door-to-door village evangelism. Their love for Jesus is becoming visible in their desire and freedom to serve others and to tell people about Him.





Before entering a new village, our discipleship teams pray together, trusting God for favor and open doors and hearts; then they seek permission from the village chief. They visit families, share the Good News of Jesus Christ, pray for the sick and lead people to Jesus. Discipleship is moving from our classrooms into everyday village life.





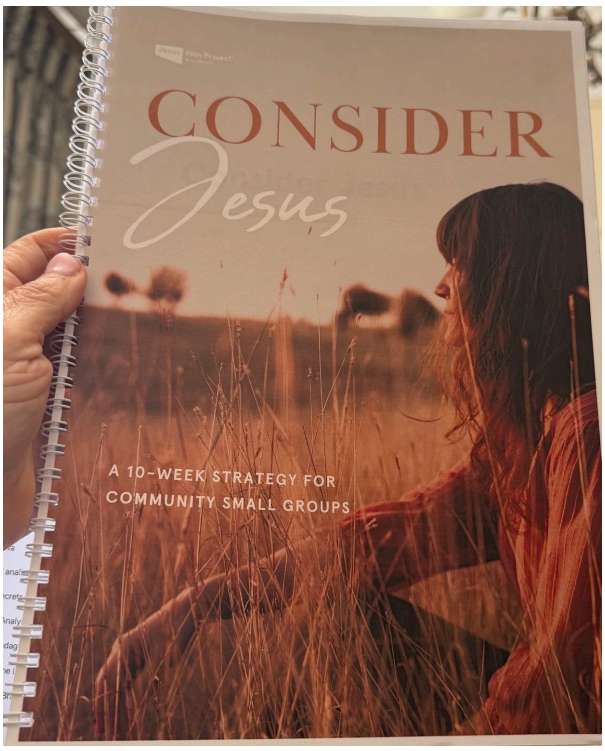
Our young disciples bring something deeply moving to life as they bring fresh fruit from the Restoring Hope gardens to vulnerable and elderly neighbours. Their generosity gives practical expression to Christ's love. Many come from disadvantaged homes themselves, yet they are discovering that they can give, serve and become a blessing.




"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV)

PART 2 | CONSIDER JESUS

From shame to freedom. From survival to thriving.





For many village mothers, generational poverty and a constant struggle for survival have brought deep feelings of shame and limited expectations for the future. We believe these precious women are made for more than merely surviving. Poverty does not define their identity or worth; Jesus Christ does.

We begin with women who have already received Jesus and guide them through Consider Jesus, a 10-week strategy for community small groups developed by the Jesus Film Project. It uses the film Magdalena, available in Chichewa, to help women understand who Jesus is, what it means to follow Him, and how biblical truth can release them from shame and lead them towards freedom and growth.







Whether we meet in the Restoring Hope hall or under a tree in a village, the invitation is the same: consider Jesus, discover your dignity in Him and begin walking in a renewed way of life.

FAITH THAT BEARS PRACTICAL FRUIT

Growing confidence, food and hope

Together with Grace, our garden manager, I have the privilege of leading this programme. We are also empowering the women to redeem the small pieces of land available to them and grow productive household gardens. This initiative is already yielding wonderful results.





Through practical agricultural training, guidance and encouragement, women are learning how to prayerfully develop their gardens and improve nutrition and food security for their households. These steps can also build confidence, perseverance, stewardship and greater independence. We do not want to create dependency; we want to nurture dignity, initiative and lasting growth.





Every garden is more than a plot of vegetables. It represents the possibility of a renewed mindset, a household taking responsibility and a woman discovering what she can accomplish. We are cultivating more than gardens: we are cultivating faith, dignity, responsibility and hope.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Romans 12:2 (KJV)

PART 3 | THE JESUS FILM PROJECT

Taking the Gospel to the villages

We hold larger Jesus Film outreaches approximately once every quarter, either in the open air or in our Restoring Hope hall. We show the film in Chichewa, with ministry teams available to pray with those who respond to the Gospel.





Today, we reach about 34 villages across Central Malawi. During the past ten months, hundreds of people have received Jesus Christ. Local pastors help new believers find a church home, so that they can continue to grow in faith and fellowship.





Every child and teenager is invited to join Restoring Hope's discipleship classes. We believe outreach should be more than a single event. It is the beginning of a journey: hearing about Jesus, receiving Him, learning His Word and becoming His disciple.

STRATEGIC PRAYER FOCUS

Standing together for a harvest that will last

Beloved friends, please continue to stand with us in prayer as we seek the Lord for an even greater harvest of souls and the resources necessary to sustain this work.

1. A greater harvest of souls for Jesus

Pray that the Lord will open doors into more villages, prepare hearts to receive the Gospel, and empower our outreach teams to lead many more people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray also for faithful local church follow-up and discipleship.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35 (KJV)

2. Financial provision to sustain our outreaches and discipleship program

Pray for God's abundant provision and for faithful financial partners who will help us sustain and expand the Jesus Film Project, Knowing Jesus discipleship for children and teenagers, and Consider Jesus for village mothers. May the Lord provide for transport, ministry equipment, discipleship materials, training and ongoing village outreaches.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV)

A letter from my heart

Dear friends and faithful partners, when I look at these precious faces, the children eager to learn, the young disciples boldly sharing Jesus, and the mothers discovering renewed hope, my heart is filled with gratitude to the Lord. You are part of this story.

Your prayers, friendship and faithful generosity enable us to share the Gospel, disciple children and teenagers, walk alongside village mothers and continue reaching new communities. The seeds you have sown are bearing fruit in lives, families and villages, and we give all the glory to Jesus.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5-6 (KJV)

May the Lord bless and strengthen you as you continue to sow into His Kingdom. Thank you for believing with us and helping us raise a generation that will know, follow and proclaim Jesus.

With heartfelt love and gratitude,

