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The Financial Basis of Faith in Action

We support Paul's teaching given in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that we should give as we have decided in our own heart, and not under pressure. We do not, therefore, include any requests for donations in our literature. However, we do want to provide some information about how we operate financially.

All our work is done on a

voluntary basis. We are therefore able to use 100% of any gift according to the donors' chosen designation. Please would you indicate clearly if you want a donation to be used for a specific project.

We would be grateful if you could let us know if you would like to receive a Gift Aid Declaration Form. We use a small percentage of the

money that we receive back from gift-aided donations to cover the cost of producing news-sheets and leaflets, and for other administration costs which relate directly to projects. Please could you also tell us if you are not receiving a news-sheet, and would like to be added to our mailing list. These news-sheets give on-going feed-back about our projects.

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Faith in Action exists to support the ministry of local churches in Africa by:

- Developing personal links and church to church contacts
- Strengthening the work of local pastors
- Supplying Christian resources in local languages
- Sending relief consignments and funding development projects in villages
- Encouraging diversification of crops for food security
- Making small interest-free loans for family businesses
- Providing wells
- Supporting orphans



Christian Resources

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Church Meeting at Nyamdhekha Village

Most churches in Africa are growing very fast. This growth is a demonstration of God's wonderful grace. It is also due to fact that African Christians are very committed evangelists, and most Africans believe in the reality of the spiritual world. The Faith in Action Church in Malawi has grown

from about 50 churches in Malawi in 1987 to a total of about 1,000 churches in Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe to date.

However, although many African churches are growing very fast, they often lack the resources to nurture the new believers that are joining their churches. Even the

cost of a Bible would be more than most rural farmers can afford, and there is very little Christian literature available in Chichewa, the language spoken in Malawi.

African Christians not only lack resources, as described above, but the training facilities for pastors are also very limited. In most

Burning Witchcraft Charms at church Meeting at Kadzumba Village

independent churches, there would be little or no training facilities available for any of the church leaders.

If you add to this the facts that few people in the villages of southern Malawi can speak English, that there is also a high illiteracy rate in rural areas, and that the majority of



new believers in the Lower Shire come into the church directly out of the practice of animist religions and witchcraft, the value of providing more Christian resources in Chichewa becomes very clear.

Bibles

A much-used African Bible

We have been providing £110 each month for Bibles since February 1988. To date we have sent £23,760. We send this money through the Bible Society, and Church leaders in Blantyre collect Bibles in whichever local language is appropriate for their



planned distribution that month. The Bible Society have recently produced a study Bible in Chichewa, with

teaching notes and a concordance, and so we would like use funds to purchase these study bibles for pastors and area pastors.

Although we have provided many Bibles over recent years, the need for more still remains. In one area where Bibles were



distributed, 8 churches were sharing only 2 Bibles.

The cost of a standard Chichewa Bible is (Malawi Kwacha) MK1,000 or £4, and the study Bible MK3,000, or £12.25

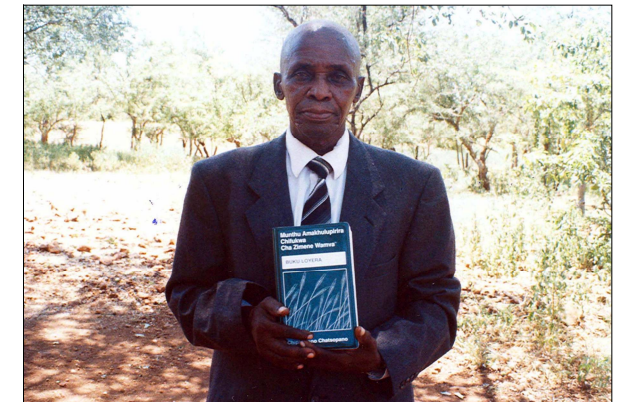
Pastor Golasi with a new Bible

Cassette Players & New Testament Tapes

Pastor Mpomba with a Set of New Testament Tapes in Chichewa

The Bible Society in Malawi has produced taped sets of the New Testament in Chichewa. A set of 12 tapes costs MK2,200 or £9. We are also providing battery-powered cassette players that will enable congregations to listen to the New Testament tapes. A strong cassette player costs MK10,000, or £41

These cassette players and tapes will be given



to area pastors who will circulate them round the congregations under their care.

These tapes will help the large number of people who cannot read.

This cassette ministry should also help rural congregations. When people return from their fields, they are tired. It also gets dark at 6pm so it is difficult to read. But a whole group, including non-