

ADVANCE...

By: Dean Kershner

There is a Vision

“Bedford chased us away and threatened that this should be our last visit to his house. If we come again something dangerous will happen to one of us or to all of us. Since Bedford was a magician (witch doctor), everybody lost an interest to visit him again, myself included.”

Helix Chigonamalunje penned these words to me in a report that he wrote about his ten day evangelistic outreach to the area of Makanjila. Helix leads a church in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi, but Makanjila is a poor, remote region on the east bank of Lake Malawi that rarely sees western missionaries. It is 90% Moslem, and 250 miles from where Helix lives, but burdened for the lost, Helix borrowed an old pickup and took some men from his church to go there in October, 2009, to preach the gospel.

A white man may have been welcomed as a novelty, but when Bedford Macheso opened his door to these gospel-bearers he wanted nothing to do with them. Helix wrote, “We left his



Gospelink has assisted Helix Chigonamalunje since 2006. During that time, he has planted ten new churches like the one in Makanjila.

house with fear and shame. Later in the evening I started praying for him, confessing on his behalf, asking God for forgiveness on his behalf. I was not knowing that it was a sleepless night to Bedford. He had dangerous dreams, and early the next morning he came straight to

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Gospelink was established for the purpose of advancing the gospel throughout the world. It is our belief that this objective can be best accomplished by assisting national preachers who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship. Through prayer and financial assistance national preachers are empowered, their evangelistic outreach is enhanced, and their church planting efforts are accelerated.

National preachers who have been selected for assistance have met all the necessary initial requisites of accountability. Their financial needs have been evaluated. Their morals, reputation, and character are exemplary. Their doctrinal beliefs are sound and their training and ministry experience are verified.

Once assistance has been initiated through Gospelink, the national preacher must continue to meet all the ongoing requisites of accountability in order to maintain this assistance. Ministry reports are submitted systematically and on-site evaluations are regularly conducted by the regional directors and Gospelink USA representatives.

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One of the first Makanjila converts was Agnes Nadzimbiri. She made tea for Helix and his team.



Bedford (on the left) knocked on the door where Helix was staying so early in the morning that Helix (on the right) was still in pajamas.

where I was sleeping to ask if we can forgive him.”

Helix told me that Bedford became very dedicated. He had, after all, been convinced of the power of God!

I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is moving in Africa. Those who have long sat in darkness are hearing for the first time about a Great Light. God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith. But how shall they hear without a preacher?

Helix is one such preacher, and his report had more testimonies. “Malisen Kalembo was born in 1933. He had no knowledge of any religion apart from Islam. He was so stubborn on spiritual issues he could not hear anybody. He is from a chief’s family, and though I felt sorry for him and prayed for

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 Malawi

him, from all the remarks I heard about him, I did not have an interest to visit him because I thought he would waste my time for nothing.

However, one day we held an open air behind his house. I preached from Luke 16 about Lazarus and the rich man. Mr. Maliseni came and tried to trick me with questions. However, I kept preaching at the top of my voice. After preaching, I gave an altar call and Mr. Maliseni started crying. He cried at length. I led him to Christ. That night, we had evening prayers. It was the first time in his life that Mr. Maliseni had ever stepped into a Christian church!"

Malawi as a whole is about 12% Moslem, but there are strongholds in certain areas like Makanjila. After several days,

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Maliseni Kalembo received a "Certificate of Rebirth" from Helix and eternal life from Jesus Christ.

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THE NATIONAL PREACHER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

...linking Christians in America with national preachers across the world

Why Gospelink helps national preachers...

National preachers have many advantages in taking the gospel to their own people. Every national preacher sponsored through Gospelink has already been trained, has helped to establish at least one church, and is actively involved in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Their morals, work ethic, spiritual reputation, and physical needs have all been verified. With monthly prayer and financial support, they will be able to increase their outreach and accelerate their church planting efforts.

Because the Lord's return is drawing closer and the unfinished task remains so extensive, would you pray about what part you might have in helping one of these national preachers advance the gospel in their area of the world? Whatever they accomplish will be fruit that abounds to your account, also.

How Gospelink helps national preachers...

Gospelink seeks to secure five sponsorships for each national preacher: three Ministry Sponsorships (\$35 per month each), one Outreach Sponsorship (\$25 per month), and one Training Sponsorship (\$15 per month).

The Ministry Sponsorship funds are used to help the preacher with the basic needs of his family, such as food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and his children's education. The Outreach Sponsorship funds are used to assist the preacher in evangelism and in providing outreach materials, such as Bibles and tracts. The Training Sponsorship funds are used to help cover the costs of national and regional training opportunities and to provide study materials and curriculum. Please look over the profiles of the preachers (located on pages 6 and 7) and pray about your involvement.

How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?

And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?

And how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

Romans 10:14,15



KADYAMALILO FAMILY

**Malawi
(Central Region)**

Pastor:	Davies
Spouse:	Christinah
Child 1:	Kinsley
Child 2:	Tidale
Child 3:	Lute
Child 4:	Diness
Child 5:	Loveness
Child 6:	Tamala

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Before I became a Christian I was lost and without hope. I aimed only to please myself and found it hard to love others. I hated those that proclaimed the name of Jesus. One day, I was invited to attend a revival meeting that was held in my village. Pastor Gramm taught a powerful message concerning the love of Christ. During his teaching God opened my eyes, and I realized I was a sinner and needed a Savior. That day, I confessed my sins and surrendered my life to Him. My life was changed completely. I felt joy and peace, and I began loving others.

My wife, Christinah, grew up far from God, as well. She hated those that professed to be Christians and refused to listen when they spoke to her about their God. After I became a Christian, I began sharing the Gospel with Christinah and invited her to attend a Bible study. Christinah witnessed many changes in my life and desired the joy that I seemed to possess. One Sunday God softened her heart, and Christinah felt great sorrow for the way she had been living. She desired a personal relationship with the Lord, and that day she confessed her sins and committed her life to Christ.

As I continued to grow in my faith, I felt that the Lord had been preparing me for full-time ministry. God gave me a great burden for the lost. I wanted everyone to experience the new life I had discovered. It brought me great joy each time God allowed me to share His Word with someone new. After much prayer and godly counsel, I decided to enroll in a local Bible college. Upon graduation, I was fully equipped to share His Word with others. Over the years I have seen many people come to know the Lord as their personal Savior through my ministry.

Sponsorships needed: 2 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

NQUMAYO FAMILY

**Malawi
(Northern Region)**

Pastor: Gracious
 Spouse: Lucy
 Child 1: Elina
 Child 2: Grace
 Child 3: Gift
 Child 4: Shalom



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Before I became a Christian, I was a man who never believed that the Word of God had the power to change the life of a human being. I went to church, but I lived in sin. From time to time, I would see born again Christians praying for the sick, and the sick people were healed. I wanted to experience that power in my life. One day, I became sick and asked for prayer. The church organized prayers through the night for me. The pastor also brought a message from the Word of God to me. God spoke to me through that message, and I received Jesus as my Savior. He also healed me the very same day. When I became a true Christian, I experienced a great change.

My wife, Lucy, lived a sinful life with no fear of the Lord. Because of this, her life was controlled by evil spirits. Even though she was involved in this, she still went to church, but she showed no respect to anyone, even her parents. During one severe manifestation of her demon possession, I took her to the church. Lucy was prayed for and received deliverance. After this experience, she realized that she was a sinner. When the pastor asked her if she was ready to receive Jesus, my wife repented of her sins and accepted Jesus into her life. She was filled with the joy of the Lord.

As a new convert, I stayed close to my pastor in order to grow spiritually. He gave me spiritual books to read and taught me the Word of God. When I sensed God's call to the ministry, I didn't hesitate to respond. I began to serve, and God used me to reach many people with His Word. Later, I received further ministry training. It is my desire to continue my ministry to rural areas to see God's work accomplished for His glory.

Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

I would like to CONNECT with a national preacher



through Gospelink's Sponsorship Program!

(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Send free newsletter: via regular mail
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I would like to CONNECT with a national preacher's:

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- Ministry Sponsorship (#2) \$35.00 per month
- Ministry Sponsorship (#3) \$35.00 per month
- Outreach Sponsorship \$25.00 per month
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I would like to assist the following preacher and his family:

- KADYAMALILO Family
- NQUMAYO Family

If my preacher has already been connected with another family:

- Please assign me another national preacher.
- Please contact me for further instructions.

Please Note...

Each sponsorship for a national preacher is a monthly commitment. If a sponsor must terminate their assistance, they should try to give as much notice as possible so efforts can be made to locate another sponsor for their preacher. Sponsors will receive a profile on their preacher, prayer cards, bookmarks, quarterly ministry reports and occasional photographs. All preachers must comply with Gospelink's local, regional, national and international accountability procedures in order to maintain their sponsorship.

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there were many excited converts. They accompanied Helix from village to village, overloading the old Datsun he had borrowed.

Late one afternoon, they drove by a sizeable mosque. Helix suggested that the self-appointed choir in the back of the Datsun keep it down, but they sang praises to Jesus even more loudly as they drove by the mosque. At the end of the village his entourage left to prepare a meal and Helix went to report to the chief of the day's events. Suddenly, five angry young men stepped into his way. They held panga knives, rocks, and angry scowls. "You will die here for insulting our god," they promised. Helix realized that these were men who had been at the mosque and had run there to intercept and eliminate him.

"Brother Dean," Helix told me later, "I was so scared, but I did not show it. I looked around and said, 'There is nothing here that can kill me today.' The men were caught off guard. I told them that I could not die, and then I told them that I did not know anything about their god and was not preaching against him. 'I am preaching against the devil. Aren't you against the devil?' This surprised them, but did not lessen their anger. 'I have never read the Koran. I am teaching the Bible, and I am preaching about Jesus. Are you against Jesus?' The men did not



Helix does not own a vehicle but borrowed this 1974 Datsun truck in order to make the long journey to Makanjira.

Because the circumstances were rather tense, this was the only photo that was snapped at the moment of conflict. By this time the chief had arrived (seated on the left), and Helix is seated on the far right. The ringleader is still rampaging around, but he will soon be given the responsibility of safeguarding the evangelist!



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know what to do. They were angry, but they believed Jesus to be great and they also said they are against the devil.”

Being wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove, Helix prolonged the hearing until the chief arrived. The chief heard their complaint and became a mediator. He asked them if they had heard Helix’s teaching. Of course, they had not; they had only heard what they considered to be insults against Allah.

The chief did not accept their complaint. In fact, he commanded them that they must accompany Helix for the next few days to hear for themselves his teaching and in doing so, they had to act as his bodyguards to protect him from anyone else with sinister intentions!

When it came time for Helix to leave the chief told him, “For many years I had a negative attitude toward Christians.” Though the chief did not himself convert to Christianity, he is very interested in the teaching he heard from Helix, one of his own people, and he has dedicated a plot of ground in the village for a church building to be constructed.

Gospelink is offering more than one short-term missions trip to Malawi this year. As an optional part of the trip, those who are interested will be able to accompany Pastor Helix back to this area where there is a need for a church to be constructed

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to those who have begun
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and for discipleship among the new converts.

If you can, make plans to come and be a part of a children's Vacation Bible School. Give a Moslem a Bible for the first time in their own language. Help lay the bricks for the new church building.

If you cannot go, please support a preacher like Helix. Areas like Makanjila dot the African continent. Their resources are few, but the gates of hell are not holding back these national preachers.

About \$675 is needed to cover the costs of this crusade. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).

For information about participating in a mission trip to Malawi, complete [page 15](#).

For information about sponsoring a national preacher in Malawi, complete [page 8](#).



At the end of his outreach in the Moslem stronghold of Makanjila Helix leads a public baptism on Lake Malawi

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to those who have begun
assisting a national preacher
with a
MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP:

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THE CURRENT NEED

...unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask

Foam Mattresses for Students

We have located a company in Zambia which will provide inexpensive mattresses for the International Bible College. One twin size, 6" foam mattress covered in sturdy fabric, with one twin bed sheet set (flat, fitted, and pillow-case) costs \$50.

Currently, most of the college students have been sleeping on leaky air mattresses left by USA mission teams or on bed frames with no padding. If you can help provide a mattress/sheet set for one student, complete [page 15](#).



New Testaments and Tracts

Gospel tracts and New Testaments are needed for the African outreach venues in 2010. To save funds, these materials will be purchased in the USA and shipped overseas. The cost to purchase one gospel tract, ship it to Africa, and distribute it locally is about 12 cents. The cost to purchase one New Testament, ship it to Africa, and distribute it locally is about \$2.50. Many thousands are needed. To help, complete [page 15](#).



College Scholarships Needed

The International Bible College

has enrolled an additional 18 students this year. Funds are needed to offset some of the costs for their food, supplies, and books. About \$4,100 is still needed for 2010. To help, complete the form on [page 15](#).

Used and New Books Needed

Do you have commentaries or other Bible resource books which could be donated to the Bible College in Zambia? If so, please mail these to:

First Baptist Church
(IBC Library Books)
405 Bellevue Avenue
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Direct any questions concerning donated items to Pastor Cliff Morris who can be reached at the church (478-272-1455). If you can make a donation to purchase library books, complete [page 15](#).

Preachers' Contingency Fund

Under the sponsorship program, national preachers minister for an entire quarter and then receive compensation. Sometimes a sponsor must terminate their assistance. When this occurs, steps are immediately taken to get the national preacher sponsored once again. In the meantime, a fund has been established to "make up" the difference until another sponsor can be located to assist the preacher. If you can help, complete the form on [page 15](#).

THANK YOU

to those who have given to the Preachers' Contingency Fund

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Vacation Bible School OFFERING PROJECT

This summer, Gospelink will once again be sending teams from the USA to Africa. The teams will be involved in all types of evangelism and ministry projects. Thousands will be reached with the gospel. For maximum effectiveness, various outreach supplies are needed.

If your church is conducting a Vacation Bible School this year, would you consider directing your offering toward the project below? Participating churches will receive photographs showing how their funds are used. Contact Gospelink for more details or complete the form on page 15 to let us know of your desire to help.

V.B.S. PROJECT

Total Offering: \$300

Provides the funds needed to evangelize one elementary school in Africa. Supplies will include: Bibles, gospel literature, and sports equipment.

A Vacation Bible School offering of \$300 will provide the resources needed to evangelize one public school with an average enrollment of 500 students.

2010 V.B.S. GOAL

**50 CHURCHES HELPING
25,000 STUDENTS REACHED**

Many Thanks... to those who have given to the Cistern / Water Projects at the Zambia Bible College:

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I would like to assist with...THE CURRENT NEED!



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Last Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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- 2. Bibles (for evangelism) Enclosed \$ _____
- 3. Gospel Tracts (for evangelism) Enclosed \$ _____
- 4. Library Books Zambia Bible College Enclosed \$ _____
- 5. Building Fund Zambia Bible College Enclosed \$ _____
- 6. Preachers' Contingency Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 7. Makanjira Crusade Expenses Enclosed \$ _____

Please send me information about the 2010 Malawi Mission Trips.

Please contact me with information about helping with the 2010 Vacation Bible School mission offering project.

I want to help an orphan with a sponsorship of \$30.00 per month, beginning in the month of _____. Please send me my sponsor materials. My preference is a: **GIRL / BOY**

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