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## SU FINALLY IN LUMBADZI

**Written by Amon Chanika**

It was all joy to the churches in Lumbadzi when Scripture Union (SU) of Malawi launched its work in the area on 20th June, 2020 at Lumbadzi Assemblies of God Church. The launch started with training of church leaders through Pastor's Fraternal.

44 church leaders from 15 churches attended the training which focused on the importance of reading the word of God and how leaders can encourage others to have a discipline of studying the word of God through Bible Reading Promotion. Church leaders were also drilled on the skills of Sunday school work.

The main facilitator was Amon Chanika, National Director. Speaking at the training, Pastor Saka, the chairperson of Pastors Fraternal for the area thanked SU for equipping the leaders with the skills of both Bible Reading and Sunday school teaching. He promised to use the skills acquired to advance the work in their churches. Following the training, the fraternal organised Bible Reading Campaign for seven churches in the area which was conducted on 12th July, 2020.

# SU REACHING OUT TO CHILDREN DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC

Written by Our Correspondent

In the wake of Covid19 pandemic which has introduced many restrictions including stopping Sunday school sessions in many churches in Malawi, SU Malawi has partnered with SU England to reach out to Children during this period.

Children can now engage with God on daily basis, via a website where they can access and download Christian games which they can play at home. Please follow this link to reach your Guardian of Ancora website for SU Malawi; <https://malawi.guardiansofancora.com>.

People are free to tell others about this app and give them the above link, so they can find out more.

## MK1.6 MILLION IN FOR AREA 14 FENCE PROJECT!

BY Our Correspondent

At its sitting at 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM), members resolved to construct a fence around Area 14 premises. To speed up progress on this, Scripture Union (SU) Malawi, immediately started mobilising funds for the project which is being run in phases.

First phase involves approval of plans from City Assembly which is still underway and construction will follow upon finalization of this process.

The four divisions of SU Malawi, were tasked to contribute MK160, 000 (about \$215) each and to date, three divisions have already contributed with the Southern Division yet to fulfil their pledge. Additionally, other individuals have also contributed towards the project bringing the total of funds raised this far to MK1, 600,000.00 (about \$2,135).

The task force committee are now mobilizing materials for the project while waiting for the approval of the plans by City Assembly. Please join us in praying for speedy progress on the approval!!!

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# NEW YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED SOON!

By Amon Chanika

Scripture Union of Malawi with anticipated support from SU England will soon launch a youth leadership development program. The initiative is based on an 11-year partnership among Christians involved in sports ministry in Malawi, including Scripture Union of Malawi, and staff and students based at University of Gloucestershire. The University has also generated a diverse body of research, which is of direct relevance to this initiative, including three Masters and two PHD programs.

This highlights the emergence of a generation of marginalised young people who have been ignored by society including the church. This points to a wider problem in Sub Saharan Africa, caused by extreme poverty combined with cultural/spiritual factors. Direct support from the University has now ceased so an alternative approach is required to sustain this work. Due to its status and influence in the region, Scripture Union is uniquely positioned to develop this initiative towards the following goal: To use the unique educational and social possibilities of sport to share the gospel in culturally appropriate ways with marginalised/at risk youth. This will lead to the building of new worshipping communities where faith and commitment to Jesus will flourish and will be led, in time, by the marginalised young people themselves.

This goal will be achieved in three cycles of action; firstly, young volunteers from Scripture Union of Malawi to complete a new seven months course; secondly, having successfully completed the course the students will take the lead in teaching the same course to marginalised youths who have decided to follow Jesus. Finally, learning experiences will be shared with other SU members of SU regionally, nationally, and across the Scripture Union international network. In this way, the concept of leadership transfer and faith sharing with marginalised youths, will be applied across different cultures, based on the pilot project described above.

## PUBLICATION OF 2021 READING NOTES

BY Our Correspondent

In our last March newsletter, we reported that we had planned to have a refresher training for both Chakudya Chalero and Nkhongono Zako Zenecho writers, but due to Covid-19, that training was cancelled after we had booked the flights for the facilitator, Mr Kudakwashe Gwemende from Zimbabwe. We still went ahead to share the portions of passages to the writers in order for them to write the notes in those two languages.

I am pleased to report that most of Chakudya Chalero writers have submitted their notes for editing and we expect Nkhongono Zako Zenecho writers to submit their work by September end.

We thank God for Presbyterian Church in Ireland for their financial support towards Chakudya Chalero and Nkhongono Zako Zenecho project.

I am also pleased to report that the English Daily Guide for 2021 has been sent for printing. Let me thank the Tearfund Go team, for editing the work. We really thank God that although the team had returned to UK due to Covid-19, they still committed to finish editing the work which they started while in the country.

We have also received the soft copies of Daily Power and Daily Milk from SU Nigeria which have been sent to printers. Thanks to Mrs. Joana Nyirenda for editing Daily Power and to John and Margaret Haynes for editing Daily Milk.

# ZONE COORDINATOR RETIRES FROM SU MALAWI

Written by Sylvia Chisi

SU Malawi has bid farewell to Mr. Lameck G. Kambuzuma who was Zone Coordinator for Lilongwe Rural and Mchinji. He joined SU Malawi in 1997 and has retired after serving for 23 years.

"We will miss his passion for children. He was very committed to his work and he was one of the pioneers of Lilongwe rural bible clubs," said Amon Chanika, National Director for SU Malawi.

Mr. Kambuzuma's diligence was reflected even in his effort for personal development. He joined SU with a very minimal academic qualification of Junior Certificate of Education, but he exited with a Diploma in Theology. He managed to upgrade himself while working.

"We thank God for his hard working spirit and we wish him God's blessings as he begins retirement life," Concluded Chanika.

## **SU AND WORLD VISION MALAWI CONDUCT JOURNEY TO HOPE TRAININGS**

**BY Goodson Saulosi- Division Coordinator  
(South)**

SU Malawi, in partnership with World Vision Malawi, conducted Journey to Hope trainings with Church Leaders and Teachers. The first one ran from 15th to 17th June 2020 in Kasinje and the second one was held in Matope in Neno District from the 28th to the 30th of July 2020.

This was done to curtail one of the major negative impacts of Covid19 in the country: Teenage pregnancies that will lead to enormous school drop-outs once schools open. Thousands of girls have been impregnated in the country from March to date following the closure of schools and other meetings.

Journey to hope is trying to teach church leaders and teachers to be proactive in dealing with the problem of teen-age pregnancies and school dropouts among children and youths even right now while learners are on holiday





*PLEASE JOIN US IN  
PRAYING FOR...*

- Re-opening of schools which will lead to the re-opening of bible clubs
- Printing of 2021 Devotional Materials
- Area 14 fence project
- SU Malawi and SU England Partnership
- Supporters who continue to support SU Work despite Covid19.
- Against Covid19 so that everything comes back to normal soon.
- That we will be faithful to use whatever means that are and will be available to us to make ministry possible during this time of the pandemic.