

JMTI SPORTS EVANGELISM

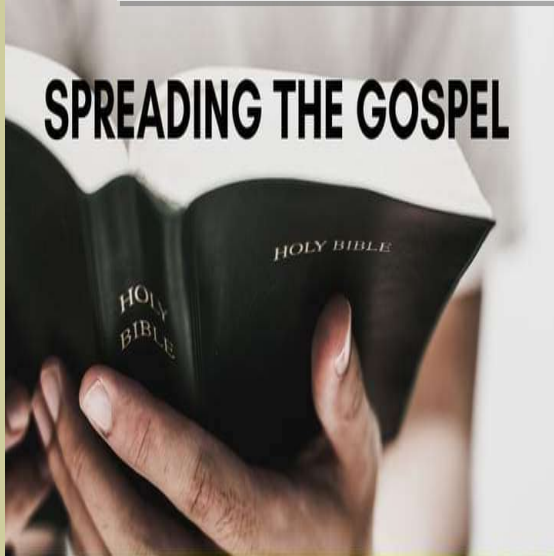
**CCAP NKHOMA SYNOD,
MALAWI**

MATOLA CCAP EVANGELISM PROGRAM (6—8 MAY 2022)

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

JMTI Sports Evangelism is an evangelism program done by pastoral students at Josophat Mwale Theological Institute (JMTI) situated in Nkhoma Mission, Malawi. JMTI is the official theological seminary of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) Nkhoma Synod. The program was developed with the aim of using sports environment as a platform for sharing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the audience that come to watch different sport activities. JMTI has soccer, volleyball and netball teams of pastoral students and their wives. These teams go wherever they are called to do mission and evangelism work. The program was started in January, 2020 with the purpose of reaching the unreached with the Gospel and to help CCAP Nkhoma Synod congregations in fulfilling their mission mandate.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL



**THROUGH
SPORTS**



ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report provides details of the latest JMTI Sports Evangelism program at Matola CCAP in Machentche Presbytery in Dowa district which was done from 6th to 8th May 2022.



**JMTI Sports Evangelism squad led
by Rev Maxwell Chiwoko on the
way to Matola CCAP**



**Rev Chiwoko in blue jersey with Rev
Chikakula in pink jersey after a foot-**

PROFILE OF MATOLA CCAP

Matola is a congregation under Machentche Presbytery of CCAP Nkhoma Synod. It is situated in Dowa district, 3 kilometers away from Mtiti trading centre which is between Mponela and Madisi along the M1 road. Matola CCAP has a total number of eleven prayer houses and thirty three wards with a church elder in each ward.

JMTI SPORTS EVANGELISM TRIP TO MATOLA CCAP

A 37 member squad member of JMTI Sports evangelism left Nkhoma on the 6th of May 2022 at 13:30pm for a weekend of preaching the Gospel at Matola CCAP. The squad was led by Rev Maxwell Chiwoko, a lecturer at JMTI and the founder of JMTI Sports Evangelism. We travelled safely without experiencing any problem and arrived at 7pm. We were warmly welcomed as the resident minister, Rev Blessings Chikakula, and the members of the congregation were waiting for us. Women and men were chanting songs praising God for our arrival to help them spreading the Gospel. The theme of our Evangelism Program at Matola CCAP was “CHOOSING LIFE OR DEATH” from the book of Deuteronomy 30:19 .

EVANGELISM ACTIVITIES AT MATOLA CCAP

1) FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2022

Evening Devotion: Upon our arrival on Friday 6th May, we had a worship service. A final year student pastor Laika Zimba introduced the them with a preaching from Deuteronomy 30:15-20. After dinner we retired.

2) SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2022

Morning Devotion: After taking a bath and breakfast, we started the day with a worship service. A fourth year student pastor Isaac Jekemu preached from Mathew 28:16-20. This was in preparation for door to door ministry in all the prayer houses of Matola CCAP.

Door to Door Visitations: At the end of the worship service the JMTI Sports Evangelism squad members were divided into eleven groups in accordance with the number of prayer houses of Matola CCAP. Twenty five church elders present took twenty five members of JMTI to their respective wards (each church elder with one JMTI member) to do door to door ministry in all the wards to all the people in the communities irrespective of their religious background. The purpose of the door to door was to encourage the backslidden, to preach Christ to those outside the church, to encourage Christians facing different hardships, and to teach basics of Christian faith to those who are church members but don't know the basic doctrines of Christian faith.

A total number of 1,069 people were reached with the Gospel. These included CCAP members, other denominations and those who never belonged to any denomination. 116 committed their lives to Christ. During the door to door these problems were observed:

- ◇ Broken marriages
- ◇ Alcoholism and drugs among men and lack of interest to go to church.
- ◇ CCAP Nkhoma Synod dropouts
- ◇ Backsliding of members due to community misunderstandings and other reason
- ◇ Many professed Christians have no Bibles.

Counselling Sessions: Charles Dzonzi and Mac-Note Kandoje were conducting counselling sessions at the Station when other members were in different wards doing door to door ministry.

Football Match: Many JMTI squad members came back from door to door ministry at 3:30pm.. From 4pm a soccer match started between JMTI and Matola CCAP. As the match was in progress Frank Zinyongo taught about the significance of education to an individual, family community and national development; Philip Mwatiwamba taught about how to develop self-reliant families economically; James Chikadza taught on the dangers of alcohol and drugs. The match ended JMTI 3-0 Matola CCAP. At the end of the match Rev Maxwell Chiwoko preached to the audience that came to watch soccer. He preached from Romans 6:20-23 emphasizing that God desires that we all choose life for this is the perfect gift to the world in Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2022 CONTINUES

Jesus Documentary: From 7pm we showed a documentary about the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus to the crowd. There were more people because we had announced at the end of the match that we would show the documentary. Before the documentary came to an end, Aaron Thaundi Kananji addressed the crowd explaining that Jesus paid his life for our sins that we should choose life and be new creatures. Some committed their lives to Christ. Then Rev Maxwell Chiwoko taught about the significance of the Church, the Bible and Prayer for Christian growth to those who had committed their lives to Christ. We retired to bed at 11pm.

SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2022

Revival Service: JMTI Sports Evangelism squad finished its program at Matola CCAP with a revival on Sunday. Two student pastors preached. Wyson Betha preached on the subtheme “**HOW CAN WE CHOOSE LIFE?**” John 3:1-16 where he emphasized that God gave Christ to the world that we should choose life. Madison Chibade finished with a subtheme “**THE OUTCOMES OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**” from Galatians 5:16-20. He emphasized that the new life in Christ sets us free from the burden of sin. We departed at 4pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We call upon our friends to join us in praying for the following:

- ◇ Spiritual growth of those who committed their lives to Christ.
- ◇ Spiritual hunger and thirst for those who have backslidden but we were able to encourage.
- ◇ Restoration of broken marriages.
- ◇ Spiritual liberation for those imprisoned in addictions.
- ◇ Rev Blessings Chikakula as he has only spent seven months that God should use him to His glory.
- ◇ God's blessings on Kaning'a CCAP leadership and members for being instrumental in our trip.
- ◇ Provision of resources for the continuation of the Sports Evangelism program at JMTI.
- ◇ That congregations can invite us to help them in spreading the Gospel.

OUR NEEDS

We invite well wishers or those who know people or organizations that can help us in the following:

- ◇ Bibles which we can distribute where we go
- ◇ Transport means (coaster bus) for our trips
- ◇ Updating PA System to reach to larger crowd
- ◇ Projector for showing Jesus documentary
- ◇ Football jersey, boots and balls

NEW EXPERIENCE AT MATOLA CCAP

The approach that was used of every church elder taking a student for door to door in his ward was very unique. We were able to cover the whole congregation in just a single day. That was a unique experience.

VOTE OF THANKS

God: First we give thanks to God for giving us the vision to start JMTI Sports evangelism program and His providence in the two years of the ministry.

Kaning'a CCAP: If it was not for Kaning'a CCAP the trip to Matola CCAP would almost be impossible for they are the ones who provided us with transport by giving us their bus, fuel for the trip and drivers. May God bless Kaning'a CCAP leadership and all members for being our wonderful friend.

Matola CCAP: We thank Matola CCAP leadership led by Rev Blessings Chikakula and the entire congregation for granting us the platform to do the work of Christ and for their wonderful warm welcome and hospitality. We are already missing the happy faces of Matola CCAP.

JMTI Community: We thank JMTI management for allowing us to do this ministry. And we thank our families for allowing to spend their weekend without us.

Friends: We thank all our friends for praying for us and the success of the program.

JMTI Sports Evangelism Squad: Special thanks to all the squad members of JMTI Sports Evangelism for their commitment, teamwork spirit prior to the, and during the Matola CCAP evangelism campaign. May God bless you guys for your love for God and His work.



JMTI Sports Evangelism squad during thanksgiving prayers after returning from Matola CCAP

Those who may be compelled to assist us with funds please use the following and Bank Account details.

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