

BIBLE EXPLORER ANNUAL 2022 REPORT

BACKGROUND

Bible Explorer is an educational programme for children in primary schools in Malawi to provide an understanding of bible stories in a timeline sequence of both the Old and New Testaments. The programme maintains quality delivery of lessons through accurate hand signs and clear communication of bible stories in standards 5 and 6. Lessons are delivered once a week from Monday to Friday. We have observed that Bible Explorer impacts spiritual development and life choices/behaviour amongst the students.

Bible Explorer have reached over 50,000 learners since launching in 2012

The current schools are: Msalura, Salima L.E.A , Kaputu, st Francis, kanyanyata, Kanjuwi, mtemeiti, lungumadzi, chagunda, kambwiri, chitiwiri, chikuluti, kapira, kapiri, chimbalinga, katelera, mlesi, chenga, mnema, kaphatenga, chinguluwe, mgoza, makande, maganga, chikombola, simaewa, msalura, chimweta, kalonga, ngolowindo , mtunthama , mpita, chitala, msaza , katitima, mthawaluba, chilanga , chigombe, mtumbira ,Demera, ntchentche, namanda, sambamfumu, matenje, Chipoka 1 , chipoka 2, thugulu, napache, chimsolo, chitipi, mkhula, mtiya, chikombe , and nthumbo

BX is composed of 5 full-time Presenters and 6 volunteers who receive an allowance.



Bible explorer lesson in Progress

UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN 2022

On June 17th, 2022, BX conducted a training at Zambezi Church which was attended by 10 pastors and 8 Sunday school teachers. The aim was to bring the Bible Explorer Programme to local churches.

BX pastors training held at Zambezi Evangelical Church in June 2022



NAMES OF THE CHURCHES THAT ATTENDED THE TRAINING

NAME OF PASTOR

Rev Davison Moyo
Pastor Bruce Mkandawire
Pastor Rose Jambo
Pastor Phillip Phiri
Pastor Agnes Mailosi
Apostle Emmanuel Banda
Pastor Nebert Banda
Pastor James Mataya
Pastor Handsome Fukiza
Pastor Joshua Kalolo

NAME OF CHURCH

African Methodist Episcopal
Winners Chapel International
Malawi Assemblies of God
Pillar of Fire
Emmanuel Christian Revival
Emmanuel Christian Revival
New Samaritan
Pentecostal Holiness
Nazarene
Zambezi Evangelical Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

NAME OF TEACHER

Rebecca Chimbalu
Martha Chavula
Thom Thembe
Jawadu Shumba
Esinta Hamitoni
Rachel M'bwana
Panganani Mwale
Matthews Benedicto

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Lynnette Stander, a Bible Explorer trainer from Walk Thru the Bible in South Africa, visited Malawi to review the programme's impact. Over the years she has played a key role in training and establishing the BX programme in Malawi. While in the country Lynnette and the team visited the following schools: Napache in Ngodzi zone, Chipoka 1 and Mtiya both in Chipoka zone and Kanjuwi in Matenje zone.



Jonathan Beyard has been selected as a new Bible Explorer volunteer. Jonathan was once a sponsored student at Chipoka Secondary School and now lives at Chitala Trading Centre in the northwest of Salima District, he is an active member of Living Waters Church International.



Jonathan Beyard the new Bible Explorer volunteer

On the 29th of November 2022, **Karen Melby**, a board member of Walk Through the Bible in the United States of America came with her daughter, Meredith Eastburg, to learn how the programme is being rolled out in Malawi. Karen and Meredith visited Karonga Primary School.



Karen Melby, a board member of Walk Thru the Bible in the United States of America during her visit

NEW RESOURCES PROVIDED

We have received props and other teaching and learning resources from Arabella Paul from the United Kingdom. We have also received stationery from Starfish such as hardcover notebooks, pens and chalk. In particular chalk is not available in schools as the government has stopped providing it. It is now the responsibility of schools to purchase it for themselves through the School Development Fund which relies on contributions from parents.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

A key challenge for our BX presenters has been that some of the learners are Muslims. These children don't believe that Jesus died, in His resurrection or that He is God's son. However by studying Islamic books such as the Q'uran, the presenters have been assisted in having a better understanding of the Islamic faith and have more confidence in approaching the presentation of the Bible stories and message in a way that will help Muslim students understand.

WHAT DIFFERENCE ARE WE MAKING IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN?

Children are now able to understand Bible stories and are now able to make good life choices. Also, learners who attend BX lessons have been seen to improve their grades in Bible Knowledge. Some of the topics include the Kings of Israel, the crossing of the Jordan river, The family of Jacob, the Prophets, the care of the natural environment (Creation), The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, The temptations of Jesus, The ten Commandments of the Bible, and The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Samuel Sadzu, a BX student shared,

“My name is **Samuel Sadzu**, am a Standard 5 learner at Kanjuwi School. Bible Explorer has helped me in decision-making, I used to drink beer and curse. In the Bible, I like the story of the world's creation and the fall of man.

Academically, Bible Explorer has helped me to improve my grade in Bible knowledge - in the first term I got 30 % while in the second term, I got 50%!”



Wilfred April, a teacher also shared, “

My name is Mr **Wilfred April**, I am a Standard 5 teacher at Sambafumu Primary School. Bible Explorer has changed learners' lives spiritually as well as their behaviours. Learners are now able to make good life choices therefore the programme must continue.

Lastly, we thank God for the provision of strength and good health. On behalf of the team, I appreciate the support we have received both in Malawi and from the UK.”

