

LIBRARY WORK MID-YEAR REPORT FOR 2022

The library programme is there to help church leaders to access theological books and other Christian materials. Also, the pastors have an opportunity to receive training in leadership, marriage preparation, etc. through seminars organised by Starfish. This is done in order to enhance their leadership skills as they shepherd their flocks. The libraries (both main and satellite) are also a good place for pastors to share ideas and share lessons learned through books they borrow. As of now, there are 10 centres including the main library and they are reaching out to more than 200 members.



Salima Main Library with Bernard Phiri one of the Starfish staff

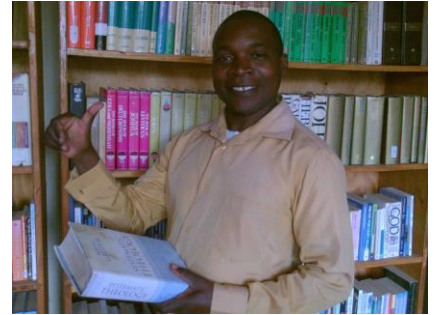
The following are the most borrowed books in 2022: 'Analytical Concordance of the Bible' by Robert Young LL.D, 'The Acts of Marriage' by Tim and Beverly, 'How to Cast out Demons and Break Curses' by Bill Subritzky, 'The Story of Christianity' by Justo R. Gonzalez, 'The Fourth Dimension' by Dr. Paul Young Cho, 'Know the Truth' by Bruce Milne, 'Demolishing Strongholds' by David Devenish, 'The Challenge of Islam' by Patrick Sookdeo, a bible commentary set: 'The Messages of... Proverbs, Ruth, Revelation and 1 Corinthians', etc. and 'I am with You' by Chip Ingram.

NEW RESOURCES.

In the last container which arrived end of last year, a great number of books were to be distributed to the Satellite Libraries as well as the Main Library. However, because of COVID it was difficult to deliver them, but we now plan to give them out shortly. These books are going to help people in their personal spiritual as well as professional lives. Some are also used to assist leaders who are studying theology in distance learning and those unable to afford to register with a theological course.



"Am **Sydney Mazinga** from Chezi satellite Library. I started reading the books from the library when it came to our location. I have used the knowledge which I got from the studies to teach and apply to the church by praying for those with sicknesses and those who are demonised. I have also learned leadership skills through the book titled, 'Leaders Manual, Master's Builder' by Bob Gordon, and a book titled 'Thy Kingdom Come' written by Dee Alei, which taught me about spiritual growth and being able to train youth and singles in my church."



"I am **James Musukwa** working with the Evangelical Association of Malawi, a Christian organisation working with local churches and Christian organisations in Malawi, based in Salima. I have also been studying for a Bachelor of Theology at the University of Livingstonia since August 2017 and at that time I was in Mzuzu where it was easy for me to access study materials from the university library.

In 2018, I was transferred to Salima District by my office and was worried about how I will access theological books, but with the Starfish library, I found it easy to write my assignments. As I will be graduating with a Bachelor of Theology degree, this coming October, am proud to report that through studying books I borrowed from Starfish library, I managed to obtain 32 credits and 8 distinctions from a total of 49 courses I enrolled in."