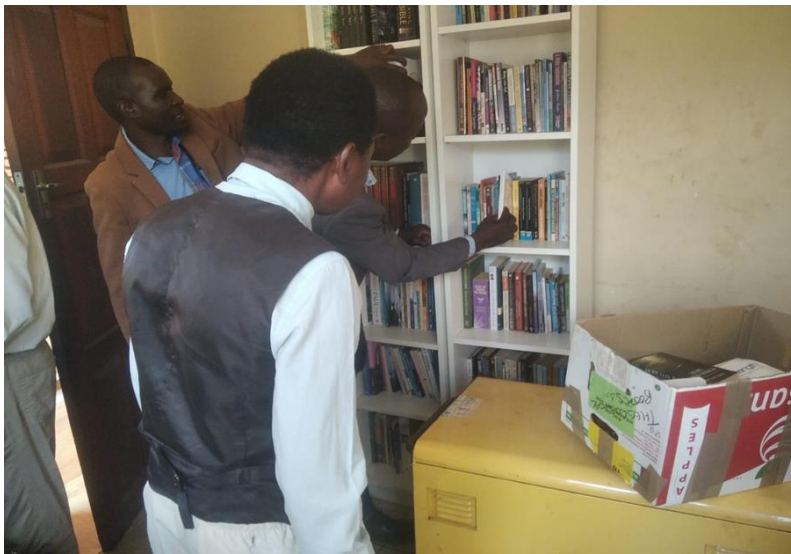


## LIBRARY MID- YEAR REPORT FOR 2023

### **BACKGROUND**

The programme started in 2011 and is aimed at church leaders from different churches and sponsorship students to access books to study. So far there are 11 libraries. The programme is very important as pastors are testifying how the books help them in several areas such as developing leadership skills. Currently 10 pastors are working as volunteers in the satellite centres and 1 at the main library in Salima at the Starfish offices as a permanent member of staff.

The main library is open Monday to Friday (except public holidays), from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Members are allowed to borrow 2 books for a period of 2 weeks. If the member wants to renew because he or she did not finish reading the book they are allowed to extend for another 2 weeks.

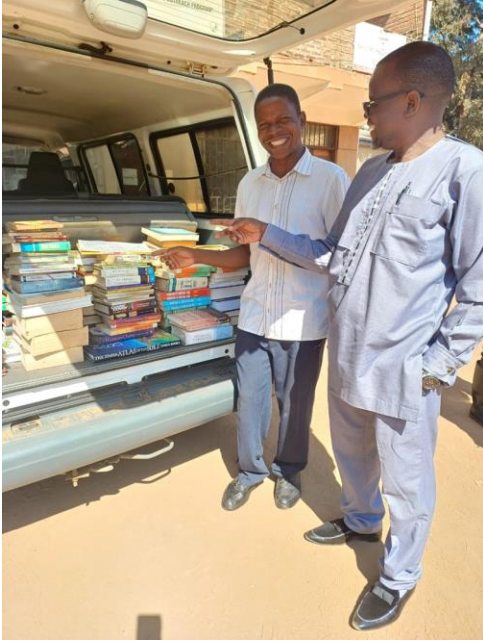


*Pastors in Area 25 Lilongwe choosing books of their choice in the satellite library based in the Pastor's home*

### **UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

The impact has increased as the library members, especially pastors, share the information they read to their congregation. Also there are open days where pastors come with 4 or 5 church members to the libraries for them to read some of the books and enjoy the books too.

Starfish Malawi donated books to Malawi Assemblies of God Institute of Theology (MAGIT) with the aim of helping those doing Theological studies, both for their studies as well as their personal spiritual life. The school received 156 books and 209 students will benefit from the donation.



*Reverend Ngomayenda, Dean of the University with Bornwell from the Starfish Team delivering the donated books*

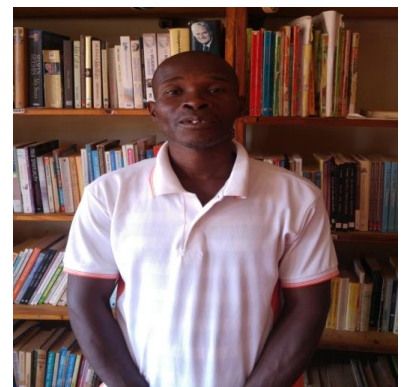
Dean of Academics at Malawi Assemblies of God Institute of Theology, Arnold Ngomayenda, extended his gratitude to Starfish Malawi for the donation, “I deeply appreciate the donation from Starfish Malawi as it has come in the right time as we were in dire need of the books. May God bless Starfish Malawi as it is making a world of difference to people in Malawi,” said Ngomayenda.

### **WHAT DIFFERENCE ARE WE MAKING?**

#### **The story of Nelson Kamphinda**

**Nelson Kamphinda** comes from Namachete village in Salima District and has been a member of Starfish Library from 2013. He explains how his life has changed through the library.

*“My spiritual life has changed, as I’ve learnt a lot of things through the books that I have been reading at the library. For instance, I’ve learnt about fasting and prayer, books like ‘Growing Church Supernaturally,’ ‘Spiritual Welfare’ and ‘Praying with Power’ have been of great help to me and my family. Not only my life has changed spiritually, but also practically - I’ve benefited from the library too as I have read books on financial management, leadership skills just to mention a few.”*



Mr Kaphinda thanked Starfish for the initiative as it has imparted knowledge for pastors in the district.

## **MARTHA MUSAYA.**

**Martha Musaya** is one of the pastors that has benefited from the satellite library in Chipoka, she explains how the books have been of great help to her life and her calling as a pastor.

“The Chichewa books that talk about how we can help Muslims know Jesus Christ has help me reach the Muslim community and help them understand about the gospel of God. This was successful because I had a lot of information that I read from the books at the library, books like ‘Chophimba Chong`ambika’ by Steven Pass has contributed a lot.”

Explained Martha.



*Martha Musaaya, a member of the Chipoka Satellite Library*

In conclusion, the libraries have brought a huge difference to pastors in acquiring knowledge to teach and lead well and also to develop the ability to continue learning on their own.