

MIBI NEWS



Wellos speaking at church gathering in Blantyre.

Highlights:

2019 total income: \$35,431.

2019 total expenses: \$32,559.

On average, \$2,150.00 each month goes to monthly obligations.

2019 extra expenses:

\$530.00 - 2 new computers

\$3,500.00 - vehicle repairs

\$600.00 - curriculum books

\$900.00 - 9 new bicycles.

\$1,229.00 - school & water repairs

Contact us today if you would like to have someone come talk to your congregation about the MIBI school!

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First of all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Years! We hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. We just want to give a quick update for a year end report on the work at the school.

We have started our 4th class of students and the teachers are very excited about the potential of these men. They said this could be the best overall class of students so far. That's very encouraging!

We are finally seeing some support from the churches in Malawi. The churches who sent men to be trained are giving the school 1000 MK a month for their student. Now before you get too impressed, that is \$1.25 in US dollars. But this is a positive step forward and the beginning of trying to help them see the need to support the work from a local perspective as well as our foreign aid.

Our teachers were also able to clear up a misunderstanding from a few years ago between the school and the local congregations. (no one knew there was even a misunderstanding until a church elder was talking to one of our teachers). Once that was cleared up the 3 local congregations said they would like to work more with the school in the future.

We continue to raise funds for student bicycles to use during their time at the school and the bicycles are also a graduation gift for their ministry back in their village. This way they have transportation everywhere other than by foot. Each bike costs us about \$85.

In 2019, we received about \$35,431.00 in donations and spent about \$32,559.00 running the school. As you can see, we are on a shoestring budget. Anything you or your congregation does to help is greatly appreciated by the school.

This coming May, Jim and Jeffrey Dillinger will be heading over to MIBI to teach a leadership workshop to all the returning alumni over a weekend and then teach at the school for 2 weeks. We try to get a board member over every year to assess the school and help teach a bit to get to know the students. All those trips are done at the board members own expense, but we believe in the school enough that we all feel this is a worthwhile use of our money.

Thank you so much for your support in prayer and donations. This school would not operate without your generosity.

God Bless you,

Jim Dillinger