

EXPLAINING MALAWI MISSION INITIATIVE (MMI)

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SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR MISSIONS

- “Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” (**Matthew 9:37-38 –NIV**).
- “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the every end of the age.’” (**Matthew 28:19-20 – NIV**).

SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR MISSIONS

- “Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” (**John 4:35 – NIV**).
- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (**Acts 1:8 – NIV**).
- **Missions is the task of taking the gospel within and beyond the borders of Malawi in order to evangelize and to instruct in the Word of God, for the purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ, and of establishing and strengthening local churches.**

MMI TASK FORCE

- Chairperson: Rev. Paul M.L. Mawaya Bt. Synod
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MMI VISION AND GOAL

- **THE VISION**

- Malawian mission-minded churches that are engaged in sending and supporting Malawian missionaries in external missions in order to fulfill the Great Commission.

- **THE GOAL**

- To facilitate the sending and supporting of Malawian missionaries across the border.

MMI OBJECTIVES

- To promote greater involvement and participation of Malawian Churches in external missions.
- To mobilize Malawian Christians missionaries in different disciplines of their expertise across the borders.
- To facilitate and support missions work in other countries through establishing and sustaining viable networks with other missions agencies.
- To enhance the capacity of Christians and Churches in Malawi to effectively participate in global missions through increased engagement of cross boarder missions.
- To provide policy guidance to denominations and ministries involved in internal missions in Malawi

MMI GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Effective missions hinge on united force of Christian Denominations.
- The commitment of Church leaders in missions plays a crucial role.
- Recognition of missions as a neglected issue of the Malawian Church.
- Theological and pastoral training institutions should place an emphasis on missions.
- Placing more financial emphasis on mission work
- The Church in Malawi should be independent.

MALAWI MISSION INITIATIVE

- MMI is a network and fellowship forum for the emerging mission movement in Malawi comprised by churches, mission agencies and likeminded organizations who come together under one umbrella to foster the work of missions out of Malawi.

TENTATIVE STRATEGIES

- To motivate and encourage the establishment of more indigenous Mission Agencies form among the evangelicals where none exist.
- To promote sound relationship and cooperation between various mission groups.
- To provide an avenue where information on Missions can be collected and disseminated among members and other Christian Agencies.
- To help one another create a forum for sharing new ideas on missions so as to stimulate, encourage and improve the outreach work of each member body.

TENTATIVE STRATEGIES

- To establish institutions for research and missionary training and organize missions' conference, seminars and workshops to raise the level of mission awareness in the country.
- To assist in leadership and manpower development of member bodies so as to facilitate the empowerment of members for qualitative missionary thrusts from Malawi.
- To liaise with and maintain good working relations with EAM, SIM and other international ministries or bodies seeking to avail their ministry potentials to the advantage of the missions movement in Malawi.
- To cooperate and work with other national missions movements in other parts of the world.

CONCLUSION

MMI as a network and fellowship forum is an instrument for making the Malawi Church a sending country. Jesus Christ is coming soon and He desires to find us faithful harvest workers worthy of His hire. Therefore, we are called to work with all the sense of urgency fully aware that 'night is coming when no man can work' (John 9:4).

THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSION OF GOD

- Genesis 12:1-3 outlines the purpose of God's mission.
- God has called mankind to 'leave' : your country, your people and your father's household. We are called to 'go' to places we are not familiar where the Lord's presence will be with us.
- God communicates His will to men who truly fear Him. Abram listened with an obedient heart and executed the call of God on his life willingly.
- God's call in our lives involves our family: our spouses and other dependants.

- God made Abram the human ancestor of most Jews and Muslims and of Christians today (12:2a).
- God blessed Abram with descendants and land (12:2b).
- God made Abram a power to reckon with (12:2c).
- God was a friend of Abram and his friends (12:3a)
- God stood with Abram and fought those who planned harm for him (12:3b).
- God's blessings are for blessing others (Galatians 4:4-5)