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## A NOTE FROM BISHOP BILL ATWOOD



I'm excited to introduce Bishop Fanuel Magangani to you. Bishop Fanuel is the Bishop of Northern Malawi, which is the fourth poorest nation in the world. Their challenges are beyond imagination. Ten years ago, Bishop Fanuel came to my office as a brand new Bishop seeking financial partnership. Because of Malawi's great poverty, my experience told me if we only focus on aid, there will never be enough resources.

We needed to break the cycle of poverty.

Last month, I had the pleasure to meet with Bishop Fanuel, and we reminisced about what happened after we first met a decade ago, and where things are now. Bishop Fanuel remembers that first meeting well and the impact it has made.

When we met years ago, I told Bishop Fanuel, "I think there is an answer that may surprise you. In an emergency, there is a call for outside aid, but for the long term, we need to look at breaking the spirit of poverty. God wants to help us with that!"

While this wasn't the answer he expected, Bishop Fanuel resonated with this and went on to describe the impact and symptoms of this Spirit of Poverty. "...the spirit of poverty produces the spirit of dependence. So, by that spirit of dependence you are left with a mind of 'we can't do anything, we have nothing.' You can't see that you have opportunity, you only see problems.

So I told Bishop Fanuel, "The answer to the problem is actually a question. You need to answer the question, 'What is in your hand?'"

Bishop Fanuel returned to Malawi. Once home, he went on a prayer retreat, and clarity came for his Bishop's Charge to his diocese. The two phases were "Breaking the Spirit of Poverty," followed by "What is in your hand?"

That is when things began to change. A youth praise band said, "What is in our hands? Our instruments. We have instruments in our hands." They wrote a song and traveled around the Diocese singing their "What is in your hands?" song. Working together and sacrificing, the Diocese bought a printing press and began printing and selling Prayer Books both for the Anglican Church in Malawi and for the Roman Catholic Church! All over the Diocese, people were asking "What is in your hands" and new ideas and projects surfaced everywhere!

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*Bishop Fanuel Magangani*

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## WHAT IS IN YOUR HANDS?

*Continued from cover story...* Then the Diocese started a construction company. It is separate from the Diocese, but builds things for the churches, saving almost *half* the cost of new church construction projects. The construction company also tithes to the Diocese from their profits! Now they are building a thirty room, four story office building to rent out space to provide income to the Diocese. All this started from a conversation in the Ekklesia office and the question, ***“What is in your hands?”*** Ten years later, the Diocese is financially independent!! What an amazing partnership--an idea from Ekklesia and the leadership of a faithful Bishop! These are the kind of miracles you are helping to produce!



*Office building construction*



*Office roof construction*



*Bishop Celebrating with his people*



*Bishop with Mothers Union*

## PERSECUTED PASTORS

Recently over dinner, an Anglican Primate and dear friend, provided an update about one of his pastors who was falsely accused of blaspheming, and is still in prison. Due to his persecution in prison and the possibility of retribution against his family, we have covered his face and withheld his name. Because of you, we have been able to send money to his family for food and fuel during this horrible ordeal. The Primate said, “We don’t know what they would do without your help. Please tell your people how much their support means to me and to this family!” Imagine what it must be like to be falsely accused and imprisoned. Thank God you are helping!!



## TRAUMA RECOVERY IN UGANDA

As you read this, Ekklesia has sent a Trauma Recovery training team led by Rev. Rob Cornelison, Ekklesia’s Director of Field Operations, and his wife, Wendy, Director of SEED of Hope Global, to Northern Uganda. The team is working with Bishop Johnson Gakumba, retired Bishop of Northern Uganda and now Ekklesia’s Country Director for Uganda. They are training about thirty men and women in Ekklesia’s Trauma Recovery ministry. We will compile the stories and photos of God’s wonderful healing and restorations in a special feature newsletter after the team returns!



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