



**SHARING OUR MINISTRY IN AFRICA - SOMA SA mission to the Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi 03 to 14 November 2014, "Breaking the Mould"**

**Keen to join a SOMA mission?**

**Read what the team members had to say after the mission.**

**Bishop Steve Moreo** - After my election to the episcopacy, I took a decision to be part of a SOMA mission team every year. Participating in these short term missions has always been like going on a different kind of retreat.

**Jennie Hall** - I was really excited to be able to go on this mission as I have a real heart for Africa and it would be my first experience north of Zimbabwe. I had no idea what I was going into from a physical perspective and was praying that God would use me on the spiritual front.

**Nozipho Dlamini** - I've learnt to trust the Lord in a new and fresh way. A few months before the mission started, I felt that the Holy Spirit was saying to me 'step out in faith and do not rely on past experiences'. I thought I understood what He meant. Having experienced my second mission - I've learnt:

- \* that no mission is ever the same
- \* to expect the unexpected
- \* that we serve a dynamic God who is creative beyond our wildest imaginations
- \* mission is one of many opportunities to live out Isaiah 43:18-19.

The Lord is eager for us to experience His power as He performs the unexpected.



Bishop Fanuel with SOMA Team and local team members

**Chris Viljoen** - I met Bishop Fanuel Magangani through one of my Malawian parishioners here in Johannesburg who later invited me to bring a SOMA SA team to his Diocese. We together went shopping for a boat in Midrand and little did I know that we as a team would be on the maiden voyage of the boat on Lake Malawi to the Islands of Chizumulu and Likoma.



Bishop Steve blessing the boat before departure to Chizumulu Island

Bishop Fanuel was a wonderful host, caring for us throughout the mission. We spent many hours driving from Lilongwe to Mzuzu and then to Inkatha Bay for the many hours in the boat, sometimes almost out of the boat! We walked sometimes guided by the moonlight and at times enjoyed wonderful meals by the same light.

Bishop Fanuel wrote, "Thank you Bishop Steve, Fr. Chris, Mama Jennie and Sisi Nozipho from the Diocese of Johannesburg in South Africa for offering yourselves to obey the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for being with us for the clergy conference, mission to the two Parishes of Chizumulu Island, being part of the induction of the Priest in charge of St. Mark's and ordination of our deacons.

Everyone who came across you realized Christ in you. Come back again."



Bishop Steve Moreo (Jhb) & Bishop Fanuel Magangani (N Malawi)

## Ministry during this mission

The first day of ministry at St John's, Chiteko Chizumulu Island began with the training of a local team who partnered with us in prayer and in praying with others. After the training we discovered what we had to teach during a revival service which started at 14:00 and continued till about 18:30. There were commitments to Jesus as Lord and Saviour, prayer for healing and the Holy Spirit ending the day with the breaking of generational curses.

The next day we travelled by boat to St Mary's, Samé village in the northern part of Chizumulu. We repeated the pattern of the previous day and returned by boat with some of us being carried by the Bishop when disembarking.



Nozipho Dlamini teaching with Revd Alfred interpreting



Bishop Steve & Fanuel with confirmation candidates

Day three of ministry started with us checking out of our accommodation, walking to church for breakfast and then a Confirmation Service, with Nozipho Dlamini preaching and Bishop Steve confirming the candidates. Then back on the boat to Likoma Island.

This Island had a vehicle which collected us on day four to gather more passengers at the St Peter's Cathedral to travel to St Mark's where Chris Viljoen preached at the Induction service of the priest in charge. The next morning it was the Ordination Service of two deacons at St Peter's Cathedral where Bishop Steve was the preacher.



Bishop Steve washing Dean Brighton Chitowe's feet



Bishops Steve and Fanuel with newly ordained Deacons

After lunch we boarded the boat once again for a miraculous journey back to Inkatha Bay to start the Clergy Conference the next day.

The Clergy conference took place in Mzuzu from Monday to Wednesday. We taught on various topics, shared in footwashing, prayed with the clergy and enjoyed great fellowship with them.



Bishop Fanuel with the new Priest-In-Charge of St Mark, Likoma Island

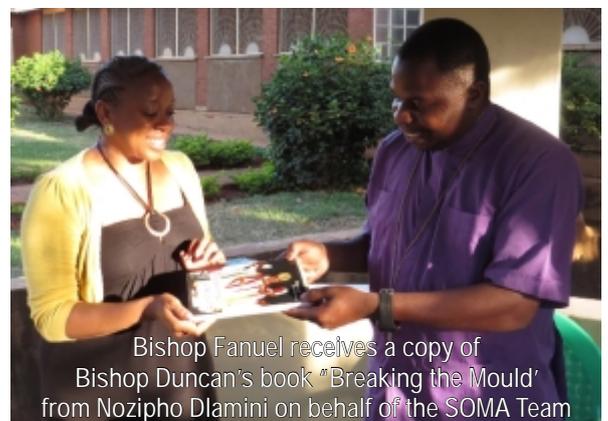
## Reflections from the Clergy attending the Conference

"People on the Islands came with expectant hearts"

"There was power in the preachers who were anointed by God with the Holy Spirit. They had no problems with the topics and very little time to prepare. The approach was "real stuff", and contextual for the people on the island"

"We have asked why Africans don't evangelise Africa. We are happy that South Africans came to evangelise Africa and Malawi can do the same. Happy that this has happened to us. Before hearing the team I was inspired. Africans evangelise Africans, the similarities are contextual and therefore better from Africans. Cultural values are shared and have greater impact, eg Generational Curses"

"Blessed by this conference and feeling alive. Been listening to the addresses, this was very special and have been encouraged with the spirit of teaching. It has hit me hard, thank God for the gifts given to Father Chris. Thank God for this conference, would definitely want the team to come again if Bishop Fanuel agrees. Good inspiration from SOMA with real love and care experienced."

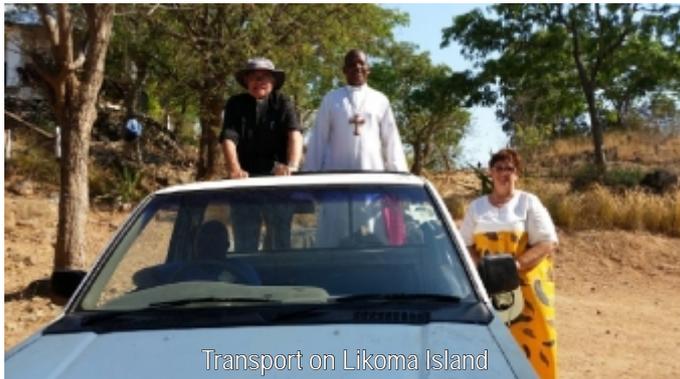


Bishop Fanuel receives a copy of Bishop Duncan's book "Breaking the Mould" from Nozipho Dlamini on behalf of the SOMA Team

"My heart is a testimony to what has happened not only on the island. I believe the bondages are free, and I can continue in the ministry."

"There was an expectation of the conference, at the end of it

the team did not meet but have gone beyond the expectations. I take home a full package – real practical learning for all 3 parishes. The Holy Spirit empowers us and we do feel empowered!”



Transport on Likoma Island

“Hates us”, really doesn't “like us”, his mould is broken! And he was “happy” with his mould. The new mould will be filled with new things, life stories, so touched him. Really excited to go back to his parish to “be changed” I am refuelled; my wounds are not a burden but a challenge to overcome. “I really hate you!”



Dressed for VIP departure

### Reflections and Learnings by the team

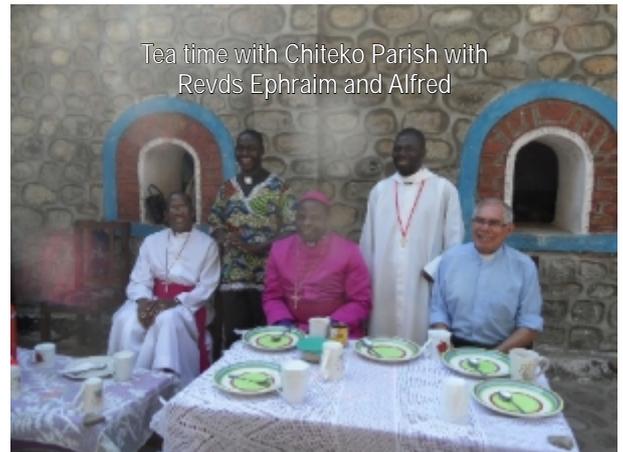
**Noziphlo Dlamini:** “Having gone on mission to Malawi, the Lord has blessed me with a new sense of gratitude to be more thankful and to complain less.

I've learnt that generosity is a heart condition that has little to do with how much one has. The people in Chizumulu and Likoma Islands shared from what they had with open hearts and we all felt their love and care for us.



Welcome to safety by Mothers Union after boat trip

We were all reminded very vividly during our boat trips that Christ is indeed the author and perfecter of our faith. Our faith was tested and our characters were refined.”



Tea time with Chiteko Parish with Revds Ephraim and Alfred

**Jennie Hall:** “Nothing could have prepared me for the initial physical stress the mission placed on me, with very hot and humid conditions and tough terrain underfoot along with not being as fit as I had hoped for the mission, and being in certain ways ill prepared with the shoes and clothing I had brought with. This was a case of “have to”! I had to honour God and push through my discomfort, it has been a long time since I have been able to succeed with the persistence, resilience and tenacity that I once had. So there it is - my first personal growth point for which I am extremely grateful! Thank you God and the team! I came away from the mission fitter and more energised.

The people to whom we were ministering were so open to the moving of the Spirit, they listened to the words from the team and seemed to absorb everything like a sponge, and were only too happy to engage in prayer after the sessions. It was so wonderful to work with a team from the church where we were ministering, a sort of feeling that God's work will indeed carry on through them once the mission was over.

The clergy conference was a wonderful Spirit filled experience for me, seeing how God works in very special ways amongst His people and who He chooses to do His work. It



Bishop Steve receives the gift of a chicken

was wonderful to see how the clergy relaxed more and more over the 3 days of the conference taking in so much of God's offering to start a fresh journey in their lives. More than one of the clergy said that they got more blessing than they could have hoped for, especially on the spiritual front.

Personally I think the team was the correct number of people for this particular outreach it just seemed to fit perfectly. I enjoyed all the members and learned so much from each of them. The second notable personal growth point was hearing about and seeing the personal discipline of my 3 fellow team members in their walk with God, which has encouraged me to develop more discipline in my walk. I have learned so much from listening and observing my fellow team members.

I feel extremely blessed to have gone on this mission with the team and with Bishop Fanuel, all glory to God! Thank you so much Umfundis Chris for taking me with, and for your leadership."

**Bishop Steve Moreo:** "May I take this opportunity to thank the Revd Chris Viljoen for inviting me to be part of the mission team to Malawi. Nozipho Dlamini, Jennie Hall and I learnt a lot from his gracious leadership. I want to thank all who have contributed prayerfully and practically to the ministry of SOMA. To the families and the members of the SOMA team to Malawi, thank you very much. Missionaries should always have the balance between sharing and receiving. We received warmth and love. I was once again reminded and



challenged to minister with love and to be ready to receive ministry graciously in return.

I believe God has given me the gift of an evangelist. Participating in

the mission team has offered me the opportunity to revive my ministry as an evangelist.

The experiences we had has lifted my faith. We had challenges that needed serious trust in God. I daily found myself been challenged to just let go, Let God and let it be. I was once again reminded that I cannot not always be in control. I need to sometimes learn to go with the flow and simply have faith in God.

During our visit I have learnt to share my faith and to listen to the faith of those we ministered to. I felt that we actually received more ministry than we gave.

I was humbled by the readiness of people in the Diocese to receive the gifts of Holy Spirit and to break the mould. I believe that every baptised member is a missionary. We each can share our faith and can listen to the others sharing theirs. Join a SOMA mission team if you can.

**Chris Viljoen:** This mission was typical of a SOMA

mission with the Clergy Conference and Parish Ministry, challenges around transport & accommodation with joy in experiencing the local meals and carefully quenching thirst with bottled water.

In contrast we were treated as VIPs on arrival and departure by Bishop Fanuel using his diplomatic privileges.

It was a great blessing working with the team – there was laughter, serious moments, deep spiritual times as we listened to God and in faith put into action what was revealed. The various gifts and ministries shared by the team enabled us to meet the needs presented by the mission.

We all return with gratitude for the prayer support, financial support and for those who cared for our loved ones at home.



**Thank you to Johannesburg Diocese for releasing Bishop Steve and to our Parishes for freeing us to go out on mission.**

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