

The Good Works of the Church

- *For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10*
- ***the manifold wisdom of God** might be **made known by the church** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, **11 according to the eternal purpose** which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, Eph. 3:10-12*
- *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the **building up of the body of Christ**, Eph. 4:11-13*

Good Works God Prepared

- Individual good works:
- Our Money; Our Time; Our Efforts Gal 6:10
- Congregational Good Works
- God's Money:
- *Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. 1Cor. 16:1-2*
- A good work God prepared beforehand

A Successful Church

- Walks in the good works God Prepared!
 - Evangelism – Mk 16:15-16; Col 4:5-6
 - Edification – Eph 4:11-16; Acts 2-4; 19
 - Benevolence to Needy Saints | Cor 16:1-2; II Cor 8-9; Rom 15:25-33
- Reflects God's Wisdom Eph 3:10-11
- Only when a Church is fulfilling the will of God is it meeting God's expectations!
- **God's Will must be done!**

Our Work at Holly Street

- Downstairs in the office are two binders.
- One contains the business meeting notes that summarizes the decisions made on the work being done.
- The other contains the financial reports.
 - Money contributed each week listed on a monthly basis.
 - The work this church is doing with its money is listed.

Our Work at Holly Street

- Evangelism (88%):
 - Full time evangelist
 - Evangelist in Louisville KY
 - Evangelist in Sunnyside WA
 - Evangelist in Hermiston OR
 - 21 Evangelists in the Central Region of Malawi
- Edification (11%):
 - Money spent on building we use to preach and teach the gospel and edify the saints.
- Benevolence (As Needed)
 - We set aside a certain amount of money each year to take care of the benevolent needs of the saints.

When the Need Arises

- Sometimes a church is faced with a need that exceeds its ability to meet.
- When this happens, an appeal is made to the brethren to make greater sacrifices.
- *Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. 30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. Acts 11:28-30*

History of God's People

- The Tabernacle in the Wilderness:
- *'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze; 21 Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD'S offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. 22 They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, Exod 35:5,21-22; 29*

History of God's People

- The Temple planned by David built by Solomon
- *Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly... 14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You. ... 17 "I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.*

Initial Reason for the Collection

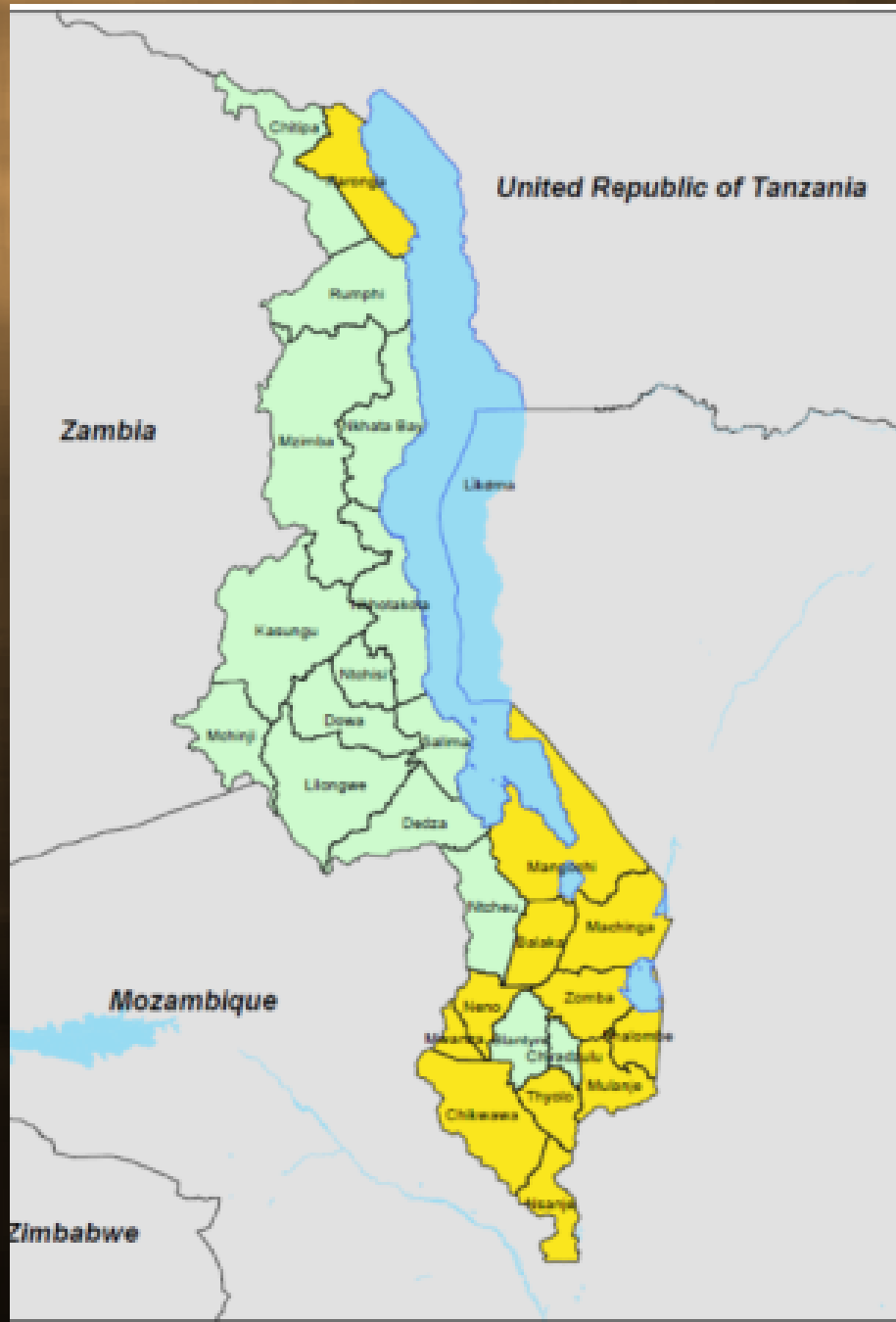
- *Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. 1 Cor 16:1-3*

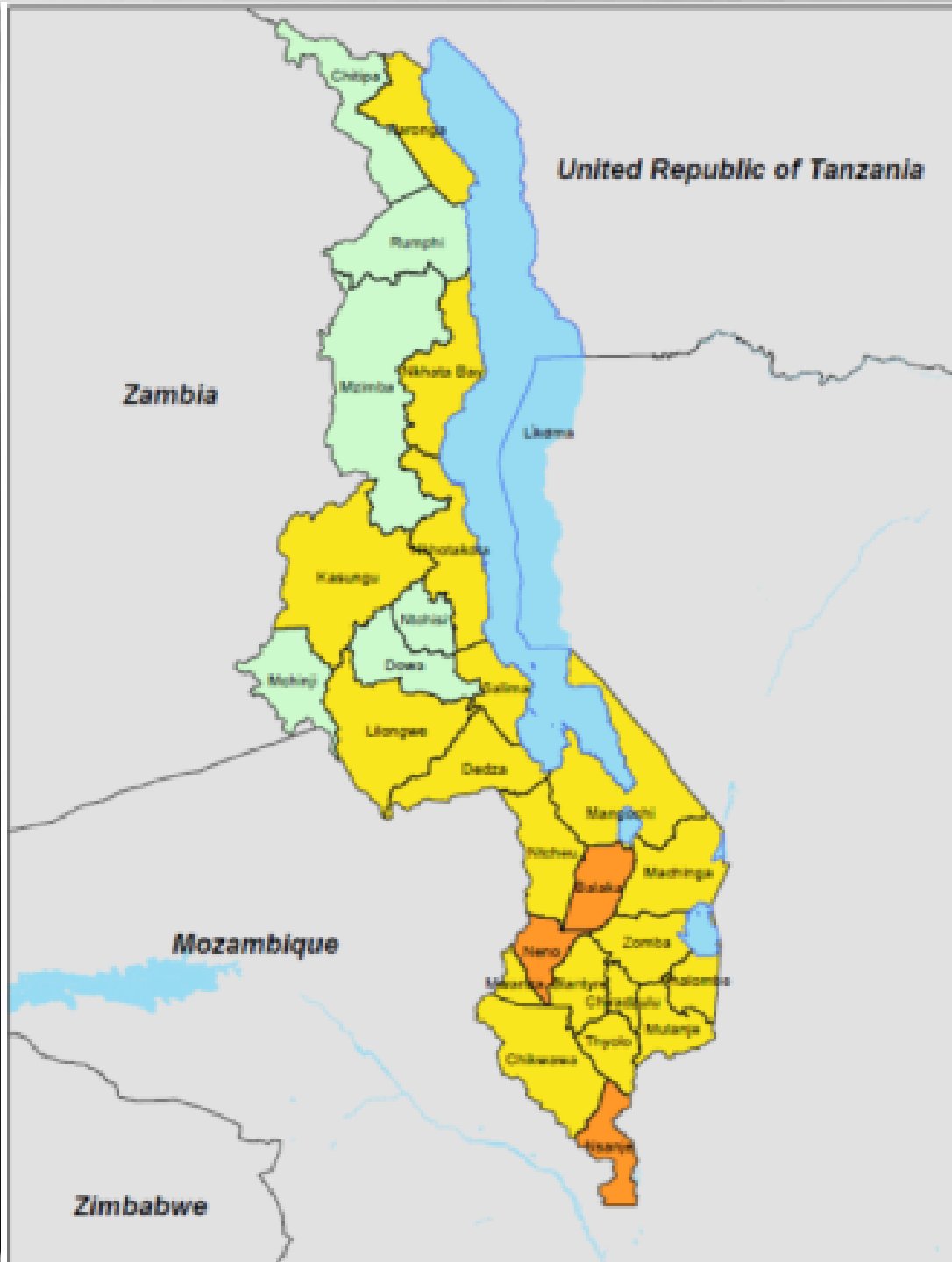
A request from the Elders at Mponela

- But they asked you one thing to help. They emphasized that I should pass this message to that as a congregation they are very much worried with hunger which is very big now.
- Many Christmas having coming them if they will be getting maize as it was in previous years.
- So they just want to make follow up as they verbally said to you last time. I assured them that I will pass the message , then after getting a response, I'll come to you. Indeed hunger has become a serious issue now. Wherever I go, people are asking for the provision of maize.

July 2019 –
September 2019

Green – Minimal
Yellow - Stressed





October 2019 –
March 2020

Green – Minimal
Yellow – Stressed
Orange – Crisis

Message from Raphael

- We have travelled to several places of late. All over sudden people have gone into critical hunger once again. Government estimates about 4million are facing this hunger. Brethren have pleaded with us for assistance. Chimkande called last evening expressing his experience in Dowa as well. Remember us in prayers especially at this time when we are fighting institutionalism

Our History with Malawi

- Sent 10,000 to help in 2016
- Sent 10,000 to help in 2017
- Want to send 10,000 in 2020
- But our budget has dropped so low that we can't do it without those who have the means making a greater sacrifice.
- Would like to ask each of you to carefully consider those brothers who will be starving in Malawi.

A Great Example to Consider

- *Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.. Acts 4:32-37*

A Great Example to Consider

- *34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. 36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. Acts 4:32-37*

