

EUTHINI AND KAPORO CONFERENCE REPORT

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Dear brethren,

With thankfulness to the Lord, I am pleased to present a report on the FGEA (Malawi) conferences held in Euthini and Kaporo in the Northern Zone of Malawi on 25th and 27th May 2021. These were both new places for FGEA and the Lord was very gracious.

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The Team members who were the officials to hold the conference on Monday at 6:00am left in a hired vehicle respectively from Balaka, that is Pastor Elwyn Maliwa and Pastor James Mbwana who passed through Senzani to pick Pastor Dalitso Mbewe. It was from there that the team passed through Ntcheu, Dedza and Lilongwe with the aim of meeting District coordinators to submit documents which were to be distributed amongst the members in the respective places.

The team had a brief stopover at Mponela where they had lunch. At this place the vehicle took time to start, it was after the assistance of a mechanic that it eventually started, and then the journey continued. At the same day in the afternoon, Pastor Kansengwa left Kande in Nkhata Bay to meet the other team members at Mzuzu. The team from Balaka and Ntcheu arrived in Mzuzu at about 10:00pm and found a place for accommodation.

25/05/2021

Before the team left for Euthini, an arrangement was made to get another vehicle to Euthini while the one which was hired from Balaka was being attended to since it was showing signs of not pulling well. So, after those arrangements were made the team left at about 6:00am for Euthini. The distance from Mzuzu to Euthini is about 100kms, so it took us about three hours to get to the place. It was encouraging to find that there were already more than 100 participants registered to attend the conference.



At about 10:30am the conference started with all registered participants set for the conference. First of all, the conference coordinator Rev D Chirambo made the introductions of the officials and those who had come from Balaka, Kande and Mzuzu.

The first session was facilitated by Pastor Elwyn Maliwa, who first of all introduced FGEA Worldwide, the year it started, and the places where it is working now, to the participants and then began teaching by showing the outcome of the results of the Analysis which was done to the current Chichewa Bible using the TBS Analysis Check List. In his explanation, he cited the results which the analysis revealed, and it was found out that this

version of the Bible had not been translated under the principles on which the KJV was translated. As he continued to teach, he explained of the problems which were: the omission of verses, the omission of part of part of the verses, the substitution of some words and also mistranslation of some words.

After that, he showed the participants the number of Chichewa translations which FGEA had come across, namely: Buku Lopatulika, Ulendo Wopambana – New Testament, Malembo a Dziko Lapansi - by Watchtower Bible Society, Chipangano Chatsopano mu Chichewa Chalero, Malembo Woyera and Chipangano Chatsopano – Mpangidwe wa Mfumu Yakob. He explained also that in Malembo Woyera, all the verses that were omitted in Buku Lopatulika were included, but the partly omitted verses were not addressed.



In the conclusion of the session, he began to share some important points from the book titled Which Bible Version, where these issues are well explained. In his teaching some of the scriptures which he read were, Genesis 3.1-7, Genesis 2.9 and 17-17. He also read from Romans 8.1 and 14. These verses of scripture were read to give meaning to the explanations of the teaching.



The second session started a few minutes later with a short break of one song which one lady participant had led the participants. In this session, it was Pastor James Mbwana who took his teaching from the book titled 'the Love of God'. In his teaching, he took chapter 4 of the book. During the time of the preparations, I asked him to read that book and select one chapter where he would teach from. So selected chapter 4 which is titled 'There Is No Other Love Than This'. His first reading was taken from Hebrews 12.2-3. In his teaching, he dwelt much in giving the facts that show that there is no other kind of love above the love which God has for his people. At the end the participants prayed asking God to help us realize this love and help us love him more.

The third session was taken up by Pastor Steven Chisale who is the Zone Coordinator for the Northern Zone. He taught on the

Power of the word of God. He read from portions of Scripture of which some were taken from Hebrews 4.12, Psalms 107.20, and some other scriptures as he continued to expound on the power in the word of God. In his teaching he encouraged the participants to have faith in God and his power, because it is by faith that the power of the word of God is released. This session took us to 01:20pm. After this session we had our lunch break.

The last session of the day started after lunch and was at 02:30pm. Pastor Elwyn Maliwa took this session and in this session he continued from where he left on the book titled 'Which Bible Version'. He took some more points from the book before he explained one more serious mistranslation noted on John 1.1 in the Chichewa translation of Malembo a Dziko Lapansi. It was after this that he explained about the newly released Chipangano Chatsopano which FGEA and TBS have translated upon the principles and manuscripts on which the KJV was translated from. Luke chapter 11.1-4 was read just to make comparison with it from the present Chichewa Translations. It was then that the participants were also informed of the continuation of the translation that the Old Testament was underway of which the initial translation would be through by end of 2022.

A brief explanation of the books on the lists of distribution was done which was followed by the distribution of the Bibles and literature. This conference had 114 participants.

REMARK FROM ONE PARTICIPANT:

'We have had other organizations which have visited this place, but this is a unique programme, and the gifts were very special and also precious. May the good Lord bless the donors and all those organizations and the organizers of this special conference.'



The team left the conference venue at 04:30pm going back to Mzuzu where we had to spend the night before proceeding to Karonga where there was to be the second conference. We arrive in Mzuzu at about 07:30pm. We rested for the night.

26/05/2021

The team left Mzuzu for Karonga at 06:15am. This was so because the team agreed to leave earlier so that there could be time to rest at Karonga before proceeding to the conference venue to check on the preparations and then come back to Karonga to spend the night. Arrival at Karonga was at about 11:00am. After a short rest the team went to Kaporo to meet the organizers of the conference. After the meeting with the organizers the team came back to Karonga to spend the night.

27/05/2021

The team left Karonga at 08:00am for the Kaporo and arrived at 09:00am. At the time of our arrival more than 80 participants had already arrived at the conference venue and had registered their names.



The first session started at about 09:30am and the first to teach was Pastor Elwyn Maliwa. He took his reading from the book of John 1.1-5. He started by explaining about the three manifestations of the word of God, namely, the written word, the spoken word and word incarnate which is Jesus Christ the Eternal Word of God. In regard to time, began to explain how the devil has from the beginning attacked the word of God. All the manifestations of the word of God have been under attack and this has and is the devil's target till now. As he continued to teach, he cited the example of how Satan attacked the word of God during the time of Eve as recorded in Genesis 3:1-3. He also cited the attack on Jesus as recorded in the book of Matthew 4.1-11. He also communicated to the participants that the devil is trying all

he can to stop people from reading the word of God and for those who still love to read the word of God, he wants to give them corrupt scriptures. It was at this point that He took the booklet titled 'Why KJV?' and showed the participants of how the manuscripts which the United Bible Societies was adopted and the people behind the whole setup being Westcott and Hort. Other portions of scriptures which he read from were Genesis 2.9, 16-17 and 2 Timothy 3.16. It was after this that the first session was closed.

After a break which was characterized by a song, the second session started and this was taken by Pastor Sidney Kansengwa. Just like I told Pastor Mbwana, I also asked him to read the book titled 'The Authority of God' and that he selected a chapter and teach from the selected chapter. He took his reading from the book of Genesis 1:1-11. In his teaching he explained about the ways of how God's authority is manifested. One of the ways he explained was concerning sicknesses, and the other is through his word. Other scriptures which read were Romans 1.19, Hebrews 11.3. This session took us up to 11:45am.

The third session started at 11:52am to 12:45pm. In this session Pastor Dalitso Mbewe taught from one chapter of the book titled Jesus the Way. He took his reading from Philippians 3.3-10. He taught on Confidence in time of Temptations. He began by saying that, what is important is not us but Christ in us, is what is important. After he read from the book of James 1.13, he said that, God does not tempt man. He also read from James 1.2-3 and 12 + 15. After this reading he explained why the devil brings temptations. As he continued to teach, he explained the benefits of going through temptations according to James 1.13-15. He also said that

promotion comes after passing temptations. It was after this that he showed the participants what we should do in time of temptations. Some of the points he gave were, praising God, thanking God, being joyful and praying to God and he will visit us during time of temptations. Being a Christian does not exempt us from temptations, and also temptations do not hinder God to do what he will do in a believer's life. This session took us to lunch.



The final session was held after lunch. In this session Pastor Elwyn Maliwa took the participants to the 'Which Bible Version' booklet. At this point he explained in a more detailed way concerning the issues in the modern-day translations which are commonly the omissions, the additions and the substitutions of the words as compared to the original manuscripts. It was during this time that he also warned the participants of the Queen James Version Bible and that they be alert for more of such translations which are corrupt. Some scriptures which he read were Romans 8.1 + 14, and Philippians 4.13. Then he explained the list of Bibles and literature to be distributed to the participants. This conference had 111 participants.

WORD OF APPRECIATION FROM ONE PARTICIPANT:

'We thank God for the Word and the gift of the Bibles and Books. We would want ask that these conferences take place frequently. May God bless FGEA. At least if this could be once every 4 years.'

TOTAL BOOKS AND LITERATURE THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED AT BOTH CONFERENCES:

KJV Westminster Reference Bible	16	Why the KJV?	10
KJV Text Bibles	185	The Authority of God:	100
Chichewa Bible:	70	Jesus the Way – Chichewa:	210
Chichewa New Testament – new TBS edition	163	The Love of God – Chichewa:	210
Which Bible Version:	220	TBS leaflets:	200
The Lord Gave the Word:	100	2 nd hand literature:	4kg

