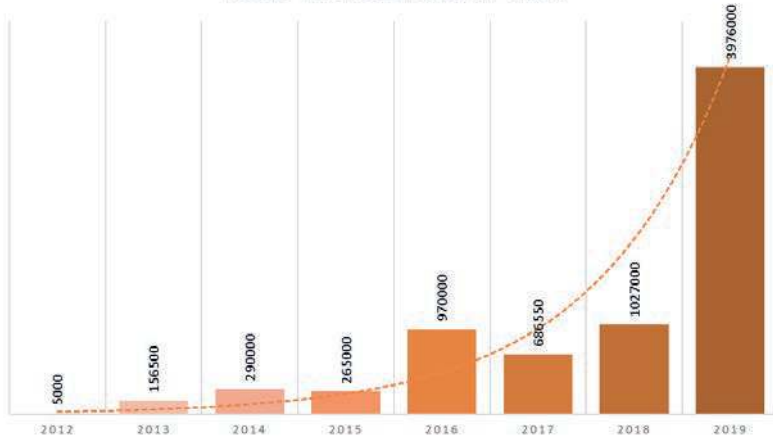




SALT BITES

SALT's first year in review...

TOTAL PUBLICATIONS BY YEAR



As demand for our Gospel literature has grown exponentially in Malawi, we have spent the last couple of years improving our ability to store materials regionally. Although not yet where we finally want to be, we now have good storage capability in 3 strategic locations across the country.

Although we have no real alternative to producing some of our material using commercial printers, we are deeply grateful for the invaluable kindness of Every Home Crusade/ Revival Movement in N.I. who are generously helping us with a significant part of our ever-growing literature needs, enabling us to concentrate resources on distribution at the other end. Over the past 12 months the generosity of the Lord's people has enabled us to buy a small estate car (station wagon) for Harold, and a more robust replacement motorcycle for Goodson. These have proved to be invaluable tools for local distribution, but we still lack capability to move bulk quantities of literature as we would like.

Going forward, we increasingly feel the need to prioritise production of children's Gospel materials, and will value prayer as we seek the way forward.

Volunteers

The growing work of SALT would not be possible without the support of many willing volunteers. In the homelands, many have sacrificed time and financial resources to assemble Hygiene Packs which have been used to great effect in several of the Prisons in Malawi. Since the Harpers first organised MGO in 2013, we have been blessed by the help of about 55 different individuals from UK, Ireland, USA and Canada, and in Malawi there is a small army of local brothers who work, largely unseen and unsung, to distribute Gospel calendars, tracts and other materials the length and breadth of the country.

We are particularly blessed to have the tireless assistance of Brothers Harold (Makawa) and Goodson (Chintanda) who shoulder most of the burden of the literature work on a day-to-day basis. These dear brothers are not immune to the struggles of daily life in Malawi, and yet they have given themselves sacrificially to the work of the Lord.



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How we use your funds



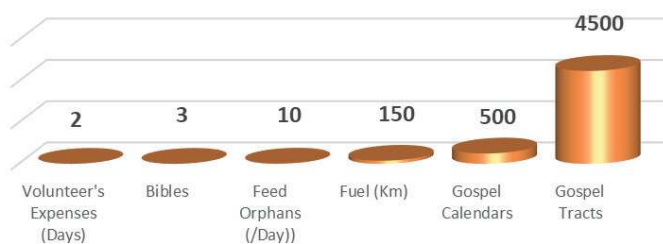
We take the responsibility of handling the Lord's money very seriously. Vehicle troubles necessitated unexpected expenditure but, in keeping with our primary objective, we have sought to direct funds into production and distribution of Gospel literature. It's important to us that other expenditure contributes positively to this goal.

Although Gospel is our number 1 priority, we are happy to support its spread in practical ways as long as they contribute positively to our main objective.

Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in March 2019, leaving widespread destruction and loss of life in its wake. Thanks to the generosity of the Lord's people, SALT received donations amounting to almost £20,000 (US\$26,000) to help with relief operations. Prioritising the specially vulnerable (E.g. widows and orphans) and those whom we know to be faithful and diligent in the spread of our Gospel Literature, we have been able to use those funds to help build or repair 25 simple homes and to purchase maize to feed around 35 families.

Your kindness has also enabled us to provide essential regular support for the feeding of around 100 orphaned refugee children in the Dzaleka camp where we have carried out children's outreach as part of our last two MGO trips.

A Gift of £10 (US\$13) funds:



Vehicle Issues

The work relied heavily on the Harper's ageing Isuzu Truck until its engine blew up early in 2019. Repairing it was inevitably going to be challenging, so we took the opportunity to buy a used Toyota Land Cruiser which, although over 20 years old, was still a bargain at £11,000. It was licensed in South Africa by a civil engineering firm which was just finishing a contract in Malawi, so it needed to be permanently imported as part of the registration process.

We have seen calculated inefficiency and corruption at its worst, but believe we have now reached a conclusion, although we ended up paying a further considerable sum to make the vehicle legal. The

Isuzu is still not repaired, but 12 months and a whole lot of cash later, we believe we are finally nearing resolution of that problem too. The work is impossible without reliable vehicles.

Children's Work

Brother Goodson has a regular Children's work in a small house we help him rent in Thondwe. It is a joy to receive his regular video updates by Whatsapp and to hear the children sing Gospel Choruses and recite the scriptures they have committed to memory.

It was particularly thrilling to see and hear the children and their parents gathered for a simple meal and a Gospel message on Christmas morning.

Over the past couple of years we have been privileged to bring the Gospel to the orphan refugee children in the care of a Christian couple from DRC, themselves refugees. This has been a highlight of our last couple of MGO trips, and credit is due to our young sisters who shone in their efforts to bring the Gospel in word and in deed.

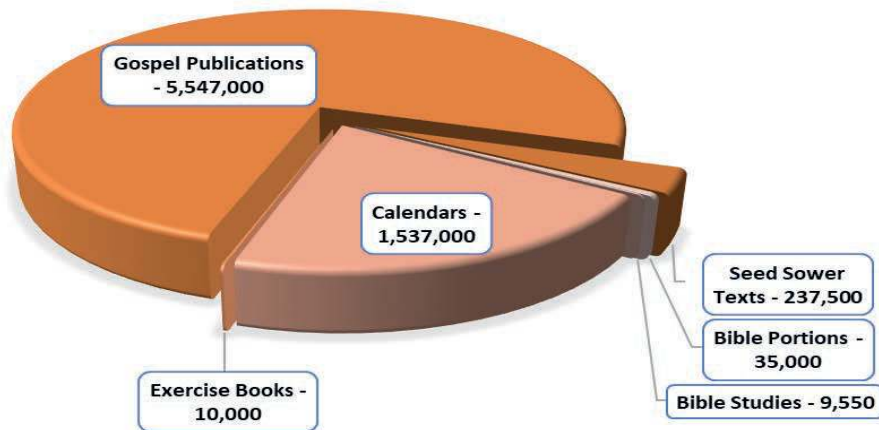


We've managed to rent a small office (approx. 100 sq ft) in the heart of Blantyre. This has already proved to be an enormous benefit to the work, providing a secure and quiet space for our brothers to study the scriptures and do the administration associated with the work.

We've also been blessed to have the use of a small warehouse kindly loaned by a local businessman for the storage of the 20 Tons of literature recently received.



TOTAL PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED SINCE 2012



Planning ahead

The work has faced many additional challenges since the Harpers had to leave their rented home at the end of 2018. We urgently require storage, administration and residential accommodation to meet present and planned needs, particularly if the growth of the Gospel Preaching and Bible Teaching ministries is not to be hindered. Sadly we have “missed the boat” as far as purchasing property in any of the major cities is concerned, as prices have soared over the past decade, however we have located a significant portion of land, presently being used for agricultural purposes, which we believe would be ideal for development. Having offered a very favourable price per acre, the seller has increased the size of the lot he wishes to sell, but

we are continuing to negotiate to try to reach agreement on the final price. These things move slowly, but we hope to conclude a deal in the next few months. We need to satisfy ourselves regarding the availability of potable water, secure the site, and start to draw up plans to begin to develop the site. We would be glad to hear from anyone with architectural / planning skills who could assist with this.



Prison Ministry

Since Bro Jim’s first visit to Malawi in 2016, work among prisoners has been an increasingly significant part of the ministry. Lord willing, Jim will join Stephen in Malawi in February, where he will be conducting Prison Chaplaincy training seminars. The Chaplain General of HM Prison Service in the UK has very helpfully provided official training materials for the seminars, and our aim is to strengthen further the relationship we have with the authorities there. Although we already have official access to prisons throughout the country, our ambition is to encourage more widespread take up of Bible Correspondence lessons in prisons across the country. Presently there are almost 500 inmates doing courses in 7 prisons.

Malawi Gospel Outreach 2020

will be from
1st to 15th August*
(Lord willing)

This is an amazing opportunity for any believer with an interest in the spread of the Gospel.

Places are limited - please contact us for more information or to register your interest, or visit

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(*Dates subject to confirmation)



Our first AGM took place in Newtownards on 10 January. It was a time for us to reflect gratefully on the year that's past, and to begin planning prayerfully for the months to come, in the Lord's will. We are so grateful for your interest in the work of the Trust, and commend it to you for your prayers.



Jim & Janet McMaster
Stephen & Gail Harper

How to support SALT

PRAY:

Your regular prayer support is invaluable to us. Contact us or visit the website to sign up for points for prayer.

PACK:

Join the growing team of volunteers assembling Prison Hygiene Packs.

Collections points across the UK.

N. American collections points very shortly. Contact us for further information

(M)GO:

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GIVE:

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