

The Tete Province Leadership Seminar

"Of the many gifts you give us, helping our new leaders grow and learn how to study the Bible, preach the good news, plant churches, develop church membership, and do many other things in the villages is your most wonderful gift."

Pre-trip journal

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"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:11-12).

For over twenty years The Outreach Foundation has been nurturing a relationship with Sebber Banda and Rev. Nedson Zulu, who lead the *Tete Province Holistic Evangelism* project. Through God's faithful providence this relationship has given birth to many churches, dug dozens of wells, built several medical clinics, roofed churches, and equipped schools. This is an incredible track record.

Undergirding all this work has been the quiet, steady, sacrificial work of TOF's local partners equipping subsistence level farmers to become evangelists and disciplers who build up the body of Christ. This has not been another example of the western church imposing its understanding of

faith upon a distant people, but the work of an indigenous church strengthening itself.



governing these churches to attend this year's seminar. The candidates come eager and ready to work hard in Malawi due to poor conditions and lack of a facility in Mozambique.

For 4 weeks facilitators will cover topics including Bible study leadership, church planting, evangelism, church management, stewardship, counseling, marriage and family, and preaching. We see the evidence of this training each year as new churches and prayer houses develop, drawing people toward

them through community projects. We come away from our visits inspired, yet we have not been able to witness how all this transpires.

Thanks to the vision and support of The Outreach Foundation and First Presbyterian (Greenville, SC), I have been able to accept an invitation to document the first week of the seminar, and to assist local facilitators in their leadership. I hope to introduce you to the participants, share their stories with you, describe their sacrificial service and exceptional faith.

I covet your prayers for these candidates, the facilitators, and myself as together we work for for the sake of a strong church in Mozambique and our transformed faith back home.

For TOF and FPC, Tom Boone

Grace and peace