

2014 BIBLE EXPLORER SECOND TERM REPORT

This term we approached five local Muslim-dominated schools to begin our programme and were welcomed in three: Maganga, Kapira and Ngolowindo. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons with its new approach of gestures and applications and the school's teaching staff are very supportive of this new initiative. The 2 new team members of our Bible Explorer team are now able to teach on their own and in the photo below, Tionge is presenting BX lessons at Kambwiri school.



William Chiweyo (see photo), one of the teachers at Kapira school (and previously a keyworker at Glad Tidings Orphan Care), commented that this program is a significant tool to introducing the Christian faith to the Muslim children.



Currently the team are conducting lessons in nine schools and preparing to begin classes in 7 further schools this coming September 2014-2015 academic year. In our first round of schools we are now presenting both the New and Old Testaments, while in the new schools we are presenting the Old Testament only.

THE STORY OF A STUDENT AT MAGANGA SCHOOL



A student who recently began the BX programme at her school at Maganga School shares that in her first school she really enjoyed attending 'Bible Knowledge' lessons which helped her grow spiritually. But when she began to attend Maganga she was disappointed to learn it would just be 'Religious Education' lessons. However, she has felt inspired with God's Word and the way the BX staff present the Bible stories. It's fun too - not only the way they teach but also the way they do gestures, story-telling and application. "Now I have learned the Bible stories and about how mighty Father God is. Also I now know where Tigris, Euphrates and Haran is on the map. And I know the place where Tera Died and many other things."

CHALLENGES

This last term (during the rainy season) we did not make it to all the schools largely due to heavy rainfall and poor road conditions, but were helped by the provision of rain coats from Starfish of which we really appreciated.

Sam Kingsley-Phiri, BX Officer