

BIBLE EXPLORER 2016 REPORT



Bible Explorer has been seeking to transform children's lives in Malawi primary schools since 2012. Headteachers, teachers, children and parents have expressed their appreciation and happiness at the impact of the programme. One of the main reasons it has proved so successful is its approach and the use of props in schools (see above).

Bible explorer is taught in 29 schools around Salima in Standards 5 and 6. The age of children in these standards ranges from 10 to 16+ years old. Bible explorer covers both the Old and New Testaments over the course of a year. BX presenters have worked closely with teachers, headteachers and Primary Education Advisors to ensure that they cover the Malawi Religious Education curriculum whilst providing a deeper knowledge of the bible. Informal testing has shown a dramatic improvement in religious and bible knowledge of up to 60%, although we do not have the exact data as yet (should be available in next report)

2015-2016 Bible Explorer Schools

School	Total number of pupils taught in each school	Bible explorer presenter	% of Muslims at school
Chagunda	155	George	55%
Chigombe	193	Agness	40%
Chikombola	53	Agness	35%
Chikuluti	107	Wiseman	30%
Chimbalanga	85	Benard	50%
Chimweta	210	Wiseman	40%
Chipoka 1	200	Benard/George	67%
Chipoka 2	206	Benard/George	75%
Chitiwiri	85	Wiseman	25%
Kambwiri	143	Wiseman	22%
Kapira	313	Wiseman	80%
Kapiri	110	George/Benard	44%
Kaputu	154	Tionge	91%
Kalonga	159	Tionge	30%

Katelera	79	Benard	40%
Katitima	77	George	62%
Lungumadzi	143	George	25%
Maganga	155	Wiseman	85%
Makande	236	Wiseman	25%
Mgoza	103	George	45%
Msalura	147	Tionge	67%
Mtemeiti	69	Benard	25%
Mtumbira	210	Tionge	40%
Mtunthama	53	George	40%
Napache	120	George/Benard	65%
Ngolowindo	229	Agness	90%
Salima LEA	376	Agnes/Tionge	80%
Simaewa	46	Agness	75%
Thugulu	139	George/Benard	50%
Total number of pupils taught in schools	4355		

2016-2017 Bible Explorer Schools

School	Total number of pupils taught in each school	Bible explorer presenter	% of Muslims at school
Chagunda	127	George	55%
Chigombe	205	Wiseman	40%
Chikombola	71	Agness	35%
Chikuluti	120	Wiseman	30%
Chimbalanga	132	Benard	50%
Chimweta	304	Wiseman	40%
Chipoka 1	181	Benard/George	67%
Chipoka 2	206	Benard/George	75%
Chitiwiri	106	Wiseman	25%
Kambwiri	279	Wiseman	22%
Kaphatenga	356	Wiseman	40%
Kapira	276	Wiseman	80%
Kapiri	149	Benard	44%
Kaputu	146	Tionge	91%
Kalonga	191	Tionge	30%
Katelera	231	Benard	40%
Katitima	93	George	62%
Lungumadzi	162	George	25%
Maganga	305	Wiseman	85%
Makande	172	Agness	25%
Msalura	203	Tionge	67%
Mtemeiti	131	Benard	25%
Mtumbira	118	Tionge	40%
Mtunthama	57	George	40%
Ngolowindo	330	Agness	90%

Salima LEA	344	Agnes/Tionge	80%
Simaewa	87	Agness	75%
Total number of pupils	5082		

Sadly, we have had to put teaching Bible Explorer at Katitima, Mgoza, Chipoka 1, Chipoka 2, Napache and Thugulu on hold since September 2016 because of problems with our motor bike. These schools are all some distance from Salima and cannot be reached by bicycle. We also have other schools that are requesting us to teach Bible Explorer in their schools however, many are too far for us to cycle to.

Tionge went on maternity leave at the beginning of February, so her schools, Kalonga, Msalura and Kaputu, have also had to be put on hold for the two month duration of her maternity leave. Mtumbira is being covered by George for the two months.

OUR REQUEST

We hope that with assistance to fund repairs to our motor bike, we will be able to achieve our goal of reaching fifty schools in the Salima district.

It's our prayer for children in Malawi primary schools to have a hunger to learn God's word hence the great commission. We can sing a song of expansion and growth but we cannot make it with bicycles only.

CASE STUDIES BIBLE EXPLORER 2016 MALAWI

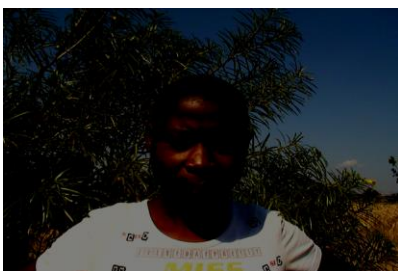
We want to thank everyone who has supported this Godly programme throughout 2016. Thousands of children have heard the Word of God through this ministry.

IN MALAWI.

What people say about Bible Explorer?



Memory Limbikani is a standard 6 learner at Katelera primary school, where she learns Bible Explorer. The reason why I liked the story of Joseph was the way he forgave his brothers. This shows me that it is not good to take revenge when our friends do bad things to us. Memory's parents are happy and they are encouraged so they want their daughter to continue attending Bible Explorer lessons.



Mrs Iddi who is Mariana's mother welcomed the Bible Explorer programme despite being a Muslim. This was because her mother saw that her daughter had changed her behaviour. Mariana who is a learner at Chimbalanga is now excluding herself from bad company/friends because of Jesus Christ .

Her relationship with Christ is growing everyday because she is managing to share the good news of Jesus Christ with her friends. Marianna said she will continue attending BX lessons to know more about the good news of the gospel.



Eric Waziri is a teacher at Katelera primary school. The gestures /hand signs are good because they make the lessons fun and help the children to remember the storyline of the bible. Bible Explorer is impacting the children's lives by encouraging them with bible stories helping them to start loving God and one another.

For me personally, the programme helped me to know that children can learn the word of God while young and also encouraged my life in spiritual areas. Bible Explorer helped me to know bible stories. Lastly, I want the programme to continue at the school.



Elizabeth Ndelemani was the deputy headteacher at Chimbalanga but is now at Kaputu primary school. BX has impacted my life as I know more about Jesus Christ, how prophets were working and places where Christ preached the gospel. Again the programme has simplified my work especially in regards to behaviour in the classroom and it's easy to control the children because of BX teaching. For my learners, they have changed in

these specific areas; from bad to good behaviour. I have learnt more about Christianity and the love of Jesus Christ. Muslims have accepted the teaching. Children have stopped bullying and teasing , stealing and using abusive language. Lastly, I am commending the programme to continue at the school for learners to hear and understand more of Jesus Christ.

UK BIBLE EXPLORER OVERVIEW IN STARFISH SCHOOLS

Arabella Paul, a Starfish volunteer, has delivered Bible Explorer for Starfish at:

Hurst Green New Testament 29 Pupils.

High Halden New Testament 27 Pupils.

Bodiam New Testament 22 Pupils.

Etchingam New Testament 33 Pupils.

Chris Knott has delivered Bible Explorer at:

Frittenden Old Testament 30 Pupils

Old Bexley Old Testament 90 Pupils (3 classes)

Already planned for 2017:

Hurst Green Old Testament 33 Pupils

Northiam Old Testament 29 Pupils

Goudhurst Old Testament 28 pupils

Sandhurst Old Testament 29 pupils

+ schools above

Arabella says. *"It is an immense privilege to take Bible Explorer in to some of the Starfish schools in the South East of England. All the schools have always given me a very warm welcome. The Staff have been very supportive and encouraging and the pupils seem to really enjoy the interactive way of teaching. I go in with very large bags of props, and recently have been given a number of "Action Bibles" which are fully illustrated Bibles. I have taken these in and donated them to the classes so they can see what I am teaching in visual form from within the Bible. Last week at Hurst Green, where I have just begun teaching The Old Testament, one boy asked about who created God. He was obviously thinking quite seriously as we talked of Creation. After the lesson another girl literally pounced on the illustrated Bible, obviously keen to look at it, and as she helped me to take the props downstairs, she shared that she was a Christian. Both these pupils show the vital work that Bible Explorer can do, not only to encourage children who are Christians, but also stimulate questions within those who are seeking. In one of the other schools, as I concluded The New Testament series, a boy asked if there was any death in heaven (I didn't know but one of the pupils had lost his brother in the Summer.) When I said "No", he replied, "sounds like my kind of place." Another asked about meeting with God. As the seed is sown in these precious young lives, I trust that some will fall on*

good ground and one day, in God's perfect timing, reap a mighty harvest for His Glory. One sows, another reaps, but God gives the increase.”

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