

## **Project Number # MW 96558**

## **Project Name Pastor's Book Set (PBS) Conferences – Malawi**

### **Vision**

To equip evangelical pastors in Malawi with the biblical and theological resources they need to effectively lead their congregations.

### **Project background**

In 2008, SIM Malawi held four conferences for pastors in Lilongwe (the capital city), Blantyre, Zomba and Mzuzu. Two thousand pastors benefitted from a week of teaching and a set of seventy books to assist them in their ministry.

Many Pastors serving in the churches of Malawi are under resourced. Following on from these very successful Pastors' book set conferences held in 2008, it was decided that any resources remaining after these conferences would continue to be used for further seminars as the opportunity arises. SIM together with the Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM) seek to continue to use available funds to run appropriate seminars on topics of interest to church leaders in Malawi - such as missions, traditional religions, youth & children etc. A defining mark of the seminars is the inclusion of a selection of related resources - books, tracts etc in both English and the local Chichewa language. To maximise the benefit of these seminars, although participants contribute a course fee, the cost of running the seminars and providing the books is heavily subsidised through SIM donors, as most pastors and church leaders would not be able to afford the full costs.

In addition, 2 lay leadership seminars are to be held for pastors and leaders within the Africa Evangelical Church (AEC), SIM's partner church in Malawi, to provide training with locally produced material, for them to cascade throughout the leadership of the local churches.

This new project update has since been revised to plan for such PBS Conferences every 1-2 years, combined with lay leadership training seminars and workshops amongst the leaders of the Africa Evangelical Church.

### **Prayer requests**

- For pastors to continue to make good use of the resources and trainings that they have already received.
- For plans to develop for the 3<sup>rd</sup> YPBS conference to be held once the COVID crisis period has passed