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Location: Blantyre

Mission: Medical Mission & Primary Education

The One-Stop Centre opened 22 months ago! We've seen lots of progress, but many clients complain about a poor response from the justice system. Cases are dropped inexplicably, or not brought to court at all.



This month Thandu Zimba and I had the brilliant opportunity to speak to every magistrate and most of the police prosecutors in Blantyre at a day conference organised by 'Fountain of Life' – the Christian counselling service that Thandu works with.

We went through the signs and effects of sexual abuse in young children, answered lots of questions about 'burden of proof' and the need for a good medical opinion. We all learnt a lot and we hope it will make a difference to future prosecutions in our area. We're planning a similar meeting for CID and Victim Support officers when we get funding.

The PCI 'Ignite' team left in mid-May. They were a real encouragement to us and many folk in the Blantyre



Synod. On a whirlwind tour, the team got to visit community based Synod health projects in Blantyre and Mulanje, as well as work in Queen Elizabeth Central and Mulanje Mission hospitals.

One of my students (Kondwani) was very grateful for the extra teaching he got from Dr Shepherd, especially when he passed! Worship services in Ndirande and Mulanje Mission CCAP churches were probably longer and livelier than back home!

A highlight for me was seeing the team sing and dance with about 400 Sunday school kids in Ndirande (only 400 because the church service had gone on too long so lots had already left by the time we arrived...)

A team member described the visit as a 'reorientation of my spiritual compass' – testimony to the Lord's blessing on the trip!



Prayer Points:-

- Give thanks for the Ignite team. Pray for them as they tell their story in their home congregations. Pray for lasting partnerships to be formed and continued commitment to the work of overseas mission.
- Give thanks for the successful training, and pray we'd be able to do more. Pray that the One-Stop-Centre clients would get the justice they deserve and be protected from further harm.
- As I write, the recent election results are unclear and President Banda has tried to annul them, claiming rigging by an opposition party. It is a time of great tension and uncertainty. There was some violence in Blantyre on polling day. Pray for a just and peaceful outcome.

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