

# Mzuzu Mission Report: End of Year 2019

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The sting of teargas remained heavy in the air. Just a short distance from the car a policeman fires another teargas canister. As I slowly move forward avoiding the lumps of stone, tree branches and a burning tyre, I wonder if this stifling heat has some part to play in peoples' frayed tempers. It's really hot. It won't be long before the rains come; maybe then things will calm down. This is not the Malawi I have come to know and love. Earlier in the week, protesting university students had taken up stones to stone my car and only a swift shift into reverse prevented any damage. I don't worry myself about the current unrest, folks are generally not interested in Christine and I. Besides, I cannot walk away from all the opportunities for preaching the gospel of Christ and strengthening the Lord's church here.

There is a lot of work to do. The last two campaigns saw another 24 people added to the Lord's church and 4 restored. The total for this year is 101 people baptised into Christ and 19 people restored!



An old Scottish preacher (he's now at home with the Lord) once said to me, "If we don't do the work, there is no guarantee that those who follow us will do it!" He was right; **"behold, now is the day of salvation"** (2 Corinthians 6:2). We continue to place a lot of emphasis on sound doctrine and practical work preaching to the lost, and will carry on doing this while we have the strength.

All of our students have returned home. At the end of October, we graduated another 13 students. We interviewed 82 men for just 25 places for 2020's class, which is testimony both to the importance and growing reputation of the school. Next year term will start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February with a cohort of 50 students.



As the end of the year approaches, I am acutely aware of the debt we owe to each of you. Without the prayers, encouragement and financial assistance you provide, this work could not have gone forward in the way it has. I am fully convinced that the Lord is glorified and honoured by the work *that you are doing together with us*. For indeed this is a partnership in the gospel of Christ. Thank you for all the sacrifices you make on behalf of us and this work. Christine and I, and all the staff here at Mzuzu Bible College wish all of you our season's greetings, and we pray that you will have a blessed and prosperous New Year.

