

MASTERS

Ministry and Skills Training for Emerging Reformers

PROGRAM

The MASTER'S KIDS

February Follow-up Report

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SUMMARY

We have completed follow-up and visitation to all the MASTERS Kids of both Class 1 and 2. The information in this report was gathered through visitations to the residence, businesses and work places of the students. Phone conversations were made for those I could not physically meet.

Carrying out these investigations has led me to the conclusion that we need to find even more opportunities to allow all the students to share experiences and even work together. This will give a chance for the first MASTERS class to mentor the second class as they interact and share experiences and lives together. This will also greatly encourage those who are still attempting to begin projects at the moment. For starters, I've created a chat group on **WhatsApp** to get everybody talking, praying and also sharing the Word together. Though not everyone is active or has access to the application, I have seen progress. Nurtured well, the team can be phenomenal.

1. Filder



Filder currently lives in a southern border town called Chirundu. She says her Christian life is still thriving. She attends the new Jesus Anointed Ministry church branch that was opened in the town. She remains consistent in her devotion and prayer time and has regular daily time for prayer, though it is sometimes disturbed because of the manner in which she runs her businesses.

She owns two businesses, is in a partnership for a third, and is planning on establishing a fourth one with one of her MASTERS classmates Rosemary Msoni. For the businesses she owns, she works full time at her grocery shop and has employed her brother to work at the cell phone booth she worked at before. She also entered a partnership with a man who is involved in metal work. She invested into his businesses and is reaping monthly profits from it.

2. Kelvin



Kelvin Mumba, has also gained financial independence. He runs a charcoal business in which he gathers and supplies the fuel to customers. He gets this charcoal from an area called Mumbwa where he has bought a piece of land. On it, he has started some agricultural activities.

Spiritually, Kelvin continues to grow in his maturity though there are still some areas of struggle in his prayer and worship time. Fortunately, he has Martin and Misheck, two of his MASTERS classmates, to encourage and keep him accountable. Apart from all that, he says he is well. Sibanji, our outreach coordinator has begun to meet with him more frequently.

3. Maureen



Maureen is also doing well. She currently lives alone with her son, Ephraim. Her business of cell phone accessories is also going well. Each month she is making a consistent profit. Though she encountered some challenges with the landlord of the small place she lives who asked her to move, she is exploring some options of shifting to a small house somewhere near the large community market. She

attends church regularly and is active in the intercession ministry.

4. Martin



Martin Mwanza still has the cell phone shop he owned when he graduated from school. He isn't as involved with its daily activities as he once was because he has been accepted to college! He is pursuing an MTD (Music Teachers Diploma) at Evelyn Hone College, here in Lusaka. He wasn't able to go to school and work at the same time, so he resigned from his job at the Pic 'n Pay department store.

Martin moved out of his sister's place and is now living with a friend. They both contribute to the rentals and other household requirements. He works with a MASTERS classmate Louis and another gentleman named Gift. Gift and Louis run the business. In the shop, they purchase and supply cell phones, phone accessories, Sim cards and talk time. They make approximately \$400 each month in profit. Martin is now part of the praise team at JAM. His Christian life is thriving.

5. Betty



Betty is working at the supermarket as a bakery counter clerk. She is doing well and enjoying work. She works two shifts. Morning normally runs from 6am-3pm. When she is working in the afternoon, her shift begins at 12pm and ends at 9pm. For the first time in her life she earns a steady weekly pay check!!

Spiritually, Betty has been struggling a bit. She doesn't seem comfortable with sharing what the cause may be. We are continually reaching out to her in hopes she will gather enough courage to approach Mrs Mfula so that she may be helped.

Work schedules have made it even harder for her to attend Church and fellowship with people in the faith which isn't helping her situation. Please keep Betty in your prayers as we continue to encourage and counsel her.

6. Misheck



Misheck is still working in his market stall buying and reselling slippers and female shoes. He earns approximately \$50 a week. He is content with the current flow of his business, but is still pursuing its growth.

Having this business has given Misheck an opportunity to contribute to the food, water and electricity expenses in his mother's home where he is staying.

At church he is still actively involved in the media department of Jesus Anointed Ministries. He also regularly assists us in discipling and encouraging the MASTERS 2 class. Mischeck is a rising young talent at church and is being groomed for leadership there.

7. Louis



Currently living with his siblings, Louis and his brothers moved into their own house because the Uncle they were living with kicked them out. He had many challenges with this Uncle, as the uncle would beat them, especially when the uncle came home drunk. Praise God he has been able to move out of that situation. The profits he earns by running the cell phone shop

for Martin, his MASTERS classmate, has allowed him the resource to move out.

However, these many personal challenges have shaken some aspects of Louis' faith. He still places his trust and hope in God, yet at times feels abandoned. Fortunately, with Martin (MASTERS classmate) as one of his accountability partners, he can share some of the challenges he is facing. Unfortunately, Louis is an introvert and Martin told us that he often struggles to know what's going on in Louis life. He is normally caught off guard when Louis actually shares. Recently he was admitted to the Hospital for 2 days saying that he was attacked by thugs who forced him to drink poisonous liquids. Please remember him in your prayers. As a staff we are being extra vigilant in encouraging and seeking help for Louis!

8. Nsofwa



Nsofwa, like Louis, had trouble with her guardian. Both she and her sister were told to move out of the house. They found a house in Kuomboka, an area near Chawama. Fortunately, because of her MASTERS business, they both work so they have been able to provide for themselves meeting at least all their basic needs.

Besides operating her restaurant, Nsofwa is working for Pick 'n Pay department store as a counter hand in the Deli department and is responsible for pricing and packaging the food before it is taken to the counter. Like Betty, she works two shifts, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. She either works from 6am-3pm or 12pm-9pm.

Her spiritual life is steady, though she feels like she misses the Sunday fellowship and music ministry that she used to have because she is often scheduled to work on Sundays. To compensate, she listens to worship music at home and in her own words “prays constantly!”

9. Rose



Like many of her classmates, Rose was facing many challenges at home. This drove her out of her grandparents' house where she was staying, to a town called Chirundu where she lives with Filder, one of her MASTERS classmates. Together they plan to start a business purchasing eggs in large

quantities and supplying them to grocery shops, restaurants and individuals. Apart from helping Filder around the house and also at the shop, Rose is selling popcorn. She pops and packages them herself.

She sounded relieved to be away from home and the emotional struggle that she experienced there. She said that she finally felt free to pray and be free in God's presence. She also attends the Jesus anointed Ministry Chirundu church and is believing God for even greater things.

10. Martha



Getting in contact with Martha was harder than the rest of the class. We eventually managed to get in touch with her over the phone. Martha had not received a business grant from MASTERS as she could never settle on

a realistic income generation idea. However, she told us that she has been employed in a boutique. She credited her skills taught in MASTERS for her ability to win the job. She currently lives with the owner of the boutique. She is living with an elderly lady not related to her, but has accepted to take her in.

She has not been able to reconcile with her relatives who cared for her in Lusaka. She says she doesn't know whether she'd be welcomed if she went there to visit. We pray she tries and are encouraging her and counselling her to help make that visit happen.

Her spiritual life according to her is "ok." Apart from the challenges concerning shelter, she hasn't had many to disturbances to her faith. She shared that she is attending church regularly and remembers everything that was taught to her on who to keep building her relationship with Jesus.

11. Sheffiness



Like most of the students in the second class, Sheffiness is currently developing her business

plan. In her free time, she is helping her brother-in-law complete the house they currently live in. When Sibanji, our Evangelism coordinator, went to visit her, he found her plastering the house.

Apart from that, she is also helping her sister around the house. Her spiritual life is growing. She says she learned to worship at the MASTERS Program and has since enjoyed her new relationship with Christ even more. She is now fully active in her Church even sings in the Choir.

12. Philemon



To support himself, Philemon finds small gardening and painting jobs.

Philemon lives in a community called Misisi. He lives in a one room house with five other people. He told us that at one point it housed 16 people. His cousin was the main financial of the household, but as since got married and moved out; Philemon and his elder brother have had to find means to support their livelihoods. Philemon has just initiated his income generation plan where

he will assist in a small food shop co-owned by several of his MASATERS Class 2 classmates.

At his Church, Pentecostal Holiness, he is the vice secretary of the youth ministry. His levels of confidence seem to have improved. He accredits this to the work that God did through him at the School.

13. Bibiana



Bibiana Phiri lives in Kuku compound with her aunt and sister. They live in a two roomed house where Bibiana and her sister depend on their Aunt to support their livelihoods.

She is currently not working, though she has been finishing her plans for implementing a business in

selling cosmetic supplies with several other MASTERS classmates. She is also learning how to use computer programs and is hoping she can learn enough to run her own business once she establishes a steady income from her MASTRS business. She wants to start a business centre where she will provide printing, typing, photocopying, designing and other similar computer based services.

Spiritually, Bibiana has grown tremendously after the School. She is now attending a Baptist Church with her Aunt. She has been baptized, (immersion as opposed to the sprinkling she received as a child). She shared that her worship time has become more meaningful since participating in the MASTERS ministry times at school.

14. Henry



Henry is working with a transport service provider called Likwi Bus services. He sells tickets for the service provider. Though he says he is doing well, Henry told us that he is also looking at a job opportunity within the government. He knows someone that has promised to forward his name on the list addressed to the North-Western Permanent secretary. He did not know exactly the

nature of the position he had applied for. In his Christian walk, Henry is still holding on despite some persecution from his peers. He also faced some stumbling blocks from home that challenged his faith, but believes that the LORD will be faithful and will fully restore him. His zeal and passion for God is growing every day, this we've noted even in the Chat group we have established for all MASTERS graduates. He is always asking questions, sharing and trying to get everybody involved in group discussion. Henry is attending his home church regularly and serves wherever they need him.

15. Mary



Mary Chikole is working for Airtel, a renowned mobile telecommunications company. She works as a call centre agent. She has been working there for the past two months now. She is still living with her mother in Chawama compound. She is helpful around the house though she normally works late shifts. Fortunately for

her, transport is provided when she finishes her shift allowing her a company escort safely back home.

Mary still sings with the Praise Team at Jesus Anointed Ministry. Spiritually, Mary confidently told us that she is doing well and can hear the LORD speaking to her. She also told us that she has been having dreams concerning her ministry. She believes that God is shifting her to new levels in her faith while He is also preparing her for what she'll face to get there.

16. Daniel

Daniel is working for the government as an internal auditor in the Copperbelt, in Kitwe. He is now settled there and has even found a new church home. He is attending Maranatha Assembly, under the Pentecostal Assemblies of God Zambia (PAOGZ). He is not yet a fully active member, but we have encouraged him to find a ministry he can best serve in. Daniel made a point to tell us how valuable the skills he learned in MASTERS were toward allowing him to get this job.

17. Ngosa



Since she graduated, Ngosa has been working on her income generation plan to present to our MASTERS leadership. However, with assistance from one of her Church elders, she is now doing computer

lessons. These lessons are part of training for a company called Emmanuel Global where she is scheduled to begin her work duties in the first week of March. For the organization she'll be working in the Information Department as Information Personnel. Her business skills and resume skills she learned at MASTERS she told us paved the way for this opportunity.

She attends High Praise Christian Centre, an Assembly of God church.

In her church, she is an usher and also sings in the Praise Team. Worship and prayer she told us she does daily because she learned the value of it while in MASTERS.

18. Rudho



Rudho is running a business in which she buys and sells health products. She orders her goods from Forever Living Products, (diverse products with an Aloe Vera formula to them). She says she has found very good market for her products in Chirundu, south of Lusaka. And that is where she sells most of her products. She told us she is beginning to see small amounts of monthly profits and is excited and believes there will soon be much more. Our staff has begun to provide some mentorship and business consultation to help her grow this business.

At her church, Jesus Anointed Ministries, she is a choir member. To keep her flame ablaze, she regularly walks to Jesus Anointed Ministry church property to have quiet time God.

Conclusion

Like I stated in the beginning, to keep all the students in check, we'll need to formulate a strategy to get all the students sharing their experiences, successes and challenges. We need to get them all on the same wave length on spiritual matters, just as we saw them bond in the school, as they became like one big family, and were able to be open to each other. I believe that's a

way we could be able sustain their growth and independence both spiritually and financially.

I have implemented one strategy that is available. We have begun a chat group on our cell phones used as a platform to organize ministry ventures like outreach, prayer for one another, encouragement and sharing the Word with each other and also to figure out how those in successful businesses, like Martin, can help out the others trying to grow their businesses. So, as we continue to trust and hope in God's providence, may He stretch His hand over this ministry and expose its maximum potential.

God Bless you.

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