

## GOD HAS VISITED HIS PEOPLE

The Diocese of Karonga is situated in the Northern Part of Malawi that borders with Tanzania and Zambia. Karonga as a Diocese was created on July 21, 2010. On the same day Rt. Rev. Martin Anwel Mtumbuka was ordained Bishop of this new Diocese.



The Diocese of Karonga covers the geographical districts of Karonga and Chitipa, including the northern part of Rumphi. It covers an area of 12,000 square kilometers with a population of 467,000 — of which about 65,000 are Catholics.

The language spoken in this diocese is Tumbuka but the rest of country speaks Chichewa. The area where Missionhurst fathers are working is the remotest and poorest part of Malawi. The territory is largely hilly and mountainous, and also plains along the shore of Lake Malawi. About 60 percent of the population is below 30 years old, and 30 percent are youths and children.

When we arrived in Malawi in 2020, the Bishop told us that we are going start from zero because this area has never been evangelized. So we wrote to our confreres and benefactors to help us start this mission. After about a year we received a call from Fr. Ramel Portula CICM that St Ann will come to our rescue. This phone call changed our starting point, and people around the mission received this assistance with joy.

We organized meetings with village and church leaders to know more their local needs. The women raised their voices that the distance they had to trek to grind the corn is very far.

With the help from St. Ann, two mills were purchased from Blantyre and installed in two villages. This mills changed the life of our community in many ways. The women are no longer walking 5 miles to grind their corns. Now they can do it in their own village. It used to be very expensive to grind 1 gallon of corn or millet. Now they are paying \$1





per gallon to run the machine and pay the workers employed by the community.



Also, Nomba chapel in the mountains of Nyika National Park is one of the churches that benefited from the 75th anniversary of St. Ann. This church was started by some local Christians, but they could not finish it due to the unstable change rate of our local currency. The other church we helped with flooring and roofing was St. Paul in Chief Matikula, near Lake Malawi. In this village local participation was very strong because the chief himself was Catholic. We just bought cement, steel beams, and transported the materials to the site while the labor was provided by the villagers.



Sincerely we express our gratitude to St. Ann — for their support and love they showed us in Malawi. You have given us smile on our faces because of this help. Your witnessing to the Gospel values in concrete ways has made us

believe that “God has visited us through you”.

#### NOTE:

As part of St. Ann 75th Jubilee Drive, by mid June 2022, St. Ann parishioners have donated over \$31,000 to the CICM Malawi Mission. These donations were more than enough for purchasing 2 much-needed maize mills for St. Apolonia and Immaculate Heart of Mary parishes. The remaining funds were used for roofing materials for 3 roofless chapels. THANK YOU for your exceptional support and love.