

## The Need



**Betere Training Center in Progress**

Much has been accomplished already, but the need is still great. These needs include facility expansion as well as ongoing support for teachers and students during the five training sessions each year. Some of these needs include these kinds of requests from our brothers in Malawi:

School kitchen with stores,  
Library and the administration office to accommodate the faculty,  
24 room hostel,  
Teachers' houses,  
Hall for seminary activities,  
Guest houses,  
Transportation for the institution,  
Water Tank to hold fresh water,  
Permanent Solar Panel for electricity,  
Other plastic chairs and tables for students.

And the list goes on. God has provided and will provide for all He has planned. But we are looking for other partners to join us. Do you have a heart to partner with us in what God is doing in Northern Malawi?

## How You Can Partner With Us

For years now Coast has been the sole support for the training center in Betere, but it is clear that the time has come to expand the support base for this ministry. The present needs and the vision for the future growth of this ministry in Northern Malawi requires that we seek individuals and churches that have a heart to partner with us in equipping pastors and strengthening the churches in this region.



**First Graduating Class 2014**

If you would like to give to this mission endeavor, you can contact our missions team for more information through this email: [coast.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:coast.pastor@gmail.com). Checks can be made to Coast Community Church with a notation indicating that the donation is specifically for EMETADC: The Esther Memorial Training and Development Centre. All money so designated will go to the ministry in Malawi. You can mail your check to Coast Community Church:

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# Esther Memorial Training and Development Centre (EMETADC)



**Betere, Malawi  
Africa**

*Equipping Pastors to Faithfully  
Proclaim the Word of God and  
Shepherd God's People*

## The Beginning

God began this work over a decade ago by putting it in the heart of Charles Patterson to begin a long distance prayer support relationship with a pastor in Malawi named Brasswell.



**Pastor Brasswell**

This was followed by a trip to Malawi by three men from Coast Community Church in Southern California in October of 2006. This trip birthed a desire to partner with Pastor Brasswell in establishing a training center in Northern Malawi that would train men to preach the Word and also equip them practically so they could better provide for their families. It was in the heart of Pastor Brasswell to establish a training center in Betere and God has brought it to pass as we have partnered with him. The training of a small group of pastors began in January of 2013 and, in December of 2014, the first class of graduates completed their two years of training at Betere, the first harvest of the vision that was embraced in 2006. God has been faithful!

## The Vision

We believe that the growth of the kingdom and the health of the Church is dependent upon the work of the Spirit through the faithful preaching and teaching of the Word of God. As a result, there is a need for trained pastors who can faithfully understand, expound and apply the Word of God to their people. This need is great in the northern region of Malawi and we are committed to being an instrument in God's hands for equipping pastors and strengthening churches in this part of the world to the glory of God and the progress of the gospel. This commitment has resulted in the training centre in Betere, Malawi which is being administered by two faithful brothers from Malawi, Jam and Ollen. These men oversee five four week training sessions for pastors a year. Efforts are still also being made toward incorporating practical skills training along with training in the Scriptures.



**Jam and Ollen**

## The Proclamation

Pastor Brasswell, Jam and Ollen and some other men have teamed up to train local pastors in the exposition of the Word. Before the training started, we were able to send Jam and Ollen to *Christ Seminary* in South Africa, which is a part of *The Master's Academy International*. There Jam and Ollen received four years of excellent training and were equipped to train others.



**Betere Training Center Teachers**

We are committed to training men who believe the fundamental truths of the Protestant Reformation: (1) *Sola Scriptura*: the Bible is the inerrant, inspired, all-sufficient Word of God; (2) *Sola Gratia*: Salvation is by God's grace alone without human merit for acceptance with God; (3) *Sola Fide*: Salvation is through faith alone without any dependence on good works; (4) *Solus Christus*: Saving faith is in Jesus Christ alone and His finished work; (5) *Soli Deo Gloria*: Salvation is to the glory of God alone. Our heart is to see God glorified in the faithful proclamation of the gospel in the harvest field of Malawi.

