



PALMFUL OF MAIZE WATCH PARTY



SEE WHAT
GOD IS DOING
IN MALAWI



JOIN THE
GLOBAL
MOVEMENT



GIVE GOD
WHAT YOU
HAVE

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HOW TO SPREAD THE POM VISION AT YOUR CHURCH



1. GATHER A GROUP

- It works with Sunday school classes, small groups, or entire congregations

2. WATCH THE PALMFUL OF MAIZE VIDEO

- Find the 7-minute video at GTP.ORG/POM

3. READ THE FACT SHEET AND FAQ

- See pages 2 and 3 of this PDF kit. Optional: Print them as handouts or bulletin inserts.

4. DISCUSS THE VIDEO

These work in small groups. For congregations, ask the "what if" questions rhetorically.

- What do you feel after watching the POM video?
- Why does giving God what He provides change the mindset from scarcity to generosity?
- How can you play a part in turning dependency into discipleship locally and globally?
- What if you gave God what you have?

Optional: Read the Scripture that inspired POM / Preach on it - Mark 6:30-44

- What word or phrase stood out to you in the text?
- Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to go and see what they had?
- How might this relate to each of us in addressing needs around us?
- What if we collectively see what we have and put it to work for God?

5. PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts and open minds to shift from "receiving, dependency, and scarcity" thinking to a "giving, discipleship, and an abundance" mindset.
- Pray for the government officials, traditional and tribal authorities, and pastors and teachers to continue to support this POM vision for the transformation of Malawi.
- Pray for district committees to steward the maize well so that the needs of the poor in each district are met by the generous sharing of the children and families in the churches.
- Pray for the churches to grow with no needy persons among them as God's people give what they have to show the love of God and care for their neighbor.
- Pray for the children of Malawi to exhibit generosity as a reflection of true Christianity and to become known as a generation of givers.
- Pray for POM to cause many to come to faith in Jesus Christ. Many Malawians embrace competing belief systems like witchcraft or identify themselves as Muslims, animists, or secular.
- Pray for GTP to have resources to deploy the POM team to roll out this vision to multiply stewards who follow standards in Malawi and other countries.
- Pray for courage to allow the "Give God What You Have" message of POM to penetrate your head, heart, and hands so that transformation of your community starts with you.

6. JOIN THE MOVEMENT

- Locally, consider what you have and how you can use it to show the love of God and neighbor and solve real problems. See God work when you give. Experience transformation.
- Globally, spread the vision by giving and inviting others to give. We can break the cycle of dependency and unleashes generosity that draws children and families to Christ.
- Monthly giving helps us deploy the team spread this vision to more children in Malawi and beyond. One-time gifts will be used where needed most. Give today at GTP.ORG/POM/#GIVE.

7. INVITE OTHER GROUPS OR CHURCHES TO HOST A POM WATCH PARTY



FACT SHEET



ABOUT MALAWI

- Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. The population is over 20 million. The average person makes about \$1 USD per day.
- The staple food of Malawi is nsima. It is made from maize or corn. A daily portion of nsima for one person is made from a palmful of maize.
- For decades, Malawians have received handouts from outsiders. This has not solved the poverty problem but instead promoted unhealthy dependence on outside support.
- The government of Malawi wants to break the cycle of dependency as part of "Malawi 2063: An Inclusively Wealthy and Self-reliant Nation" and multiple government ministers have communicated enthusiastic support for Palmful of Maize.
- STUM (Sunday School Teacher's United Movement) provides curriculum for the churches of Malawi through an extensive country-wide network.

ABOUT PALMFUL OF MAIZE (POM)

- The POM vision was inspired by "Handful of Rice", the story of the Mizoram church in India, which went from unchurched and poor but having rice to converting widely to Christianity and to becoming known for their missions efforts fueled by "Handful of Rice" giving.
- The core idea for POM comes from the story of the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark's Gospel. In Mark 6:38, Jesus asks the disciples "What do you have? Go and see." In that story, a boy has 5 loaves and 2 fish. In Malawi, every child has maize.
- In March 2022, GTP collaborated with GenerousChurch and STUM to create a curriculum to teach the children of Malawi to "Give God what you have." As an application, each child would be encouraged to bring to church a palmful of maize to church.
- From April to August 2022, GTP looked at what we had, raised additional funds from generous givers, and invested about \$100,000 USD. This deployed the STUM team to share the curriculum and POM vision in 12 of the 28 districts of Malawi.
- In October 2022, GTP and STUM staff visited 4 of the 12 districts and produced this video to share what God is doing in Malawi. As of October 2022, this is the impact:
 - 1,728 teachers trained in 12 districts
 - 12,560 children participating in POM
 - 284 churches actively engaging children
 - 13,050 kg of maize contributed
- GTP is praying for the funds to deploy the POM team to spread the vision to the remaining 16 of 28 districts in Malawi. Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania also want POM.

ABOUT GTP

- GTP empowers national workers to build trust and grow local giving to God's work around the world. Our 10 full-time staff live and serve in Australia, Canada, Egypt, Guatemala, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Rwanda, South Africa, and the USA.
- GTP collaborates with partners to expand reach and also employs part-time contracts as needed, including 7 workers in Malawi to increase our impact in this context.
- GTP wants you to join the movement. Give God what you have to help spread this vision across the rest of Malawi and to other countries around the globe.



FAQ



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MAIZE?

All the maize stays in the district. With this approach, Malawians solve their own hunger problems. 80% is shared with the needy through churches, so that, like the early church, there are no needy persons among them. 10% is sold and goes to STUM to administrate the vision in Malawi. 10% is sold and goes to advance the vision to other countries. Malawians want to become known as givers.

HOW CAN I SPREAD THIS VISION IN MY COUNTRY?

The core idea of Palmful of Maize starts with you: give God what you have. When you do that in community with others, you show your love for God and your neighbor, and you find you have funds for engaging in mission. If you think you have a network in a country to spread this, contact us at GTP to start a conversation. For example, a church network in Peru wants to do Palmful of Potatoes.

WHERE WILL MY GIFT TO GTP BE USED?

It will be used to advance this vision in Malawi and around the world. Last year, GTP used 92 cents of every dollar on program delivery and administration and 8 cents to grow giving to GTP. This year, we plan a similar allocation, including deploying the POM team to train teachers in the 16 remaining districts in Malawi and to have the POM team return to the first 12 districts to monitor progress. Insights gained will help GTP formulate strategies for taking POM elsewhere.

WHO ELSE SUPPORTS GTP?

Many people support GTP. They tend to fall into two groups. The first group is ordinary stewards who join the global movement of empowering national workers to build trust and grow local support. The other group is those we have served freely. We invite them to give to help us serve others. As a result, last year GTP had givers from 47 countries spread our programs to serve workers in 110 countries.

WHY IS BUILDING TRUST VITAL TO GROWING LOCAL GIVING?

People give money and maize when they have confidence it will be stewarded with integrity. ECFA accredits GTP in the USA for following standards of responsible stewardship. AfCAA (African Council for Accreditation and Accountability) accredits STUM in Malawi for following similar standards linked to the African context. The ECFA and AfCAA standards guide the administration of the POM vision. This builds trust and grows both local and global support.