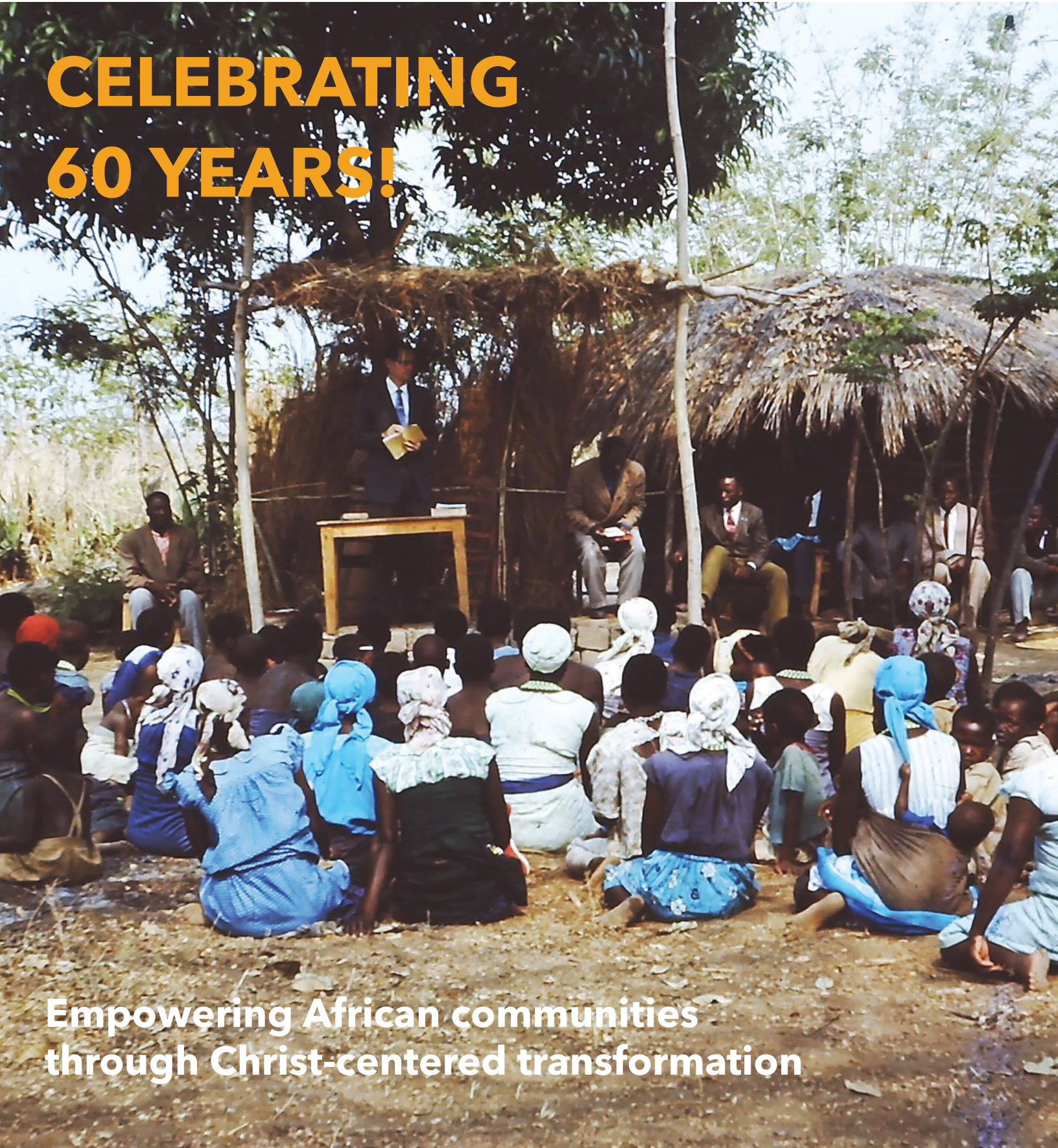




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**CELEBRATING  
60 YEARS!**



**Empowering African communities  
through Christ-centered transformation**

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## Celebrating 60 Years!

by Ben Hayes

When Becca and I first arrived in Malawi, Namikango was celebrating its 50th Anniversary by holding a large function for hundreds of people at a local university campus in Zomba. On the last day, the District Commissioner (similar to a mayor) made a speech and thanked Namikango for all that they had done over the 50 years—providing healthcare, primary education, and biblical training to thousands. He concluded by saying, “We hope that in the next 10 to 50 years, Namikango will have a hospital, and high school, and a college.”

There was something deeply impactful about beginning our time in Malawi with that event. The dreams of the commissioner seemed too large and overwhelming to even think about at the time. But the fact that the “president” of the entire Zomba district was honoring Namikango spoke volumes about Namikango’s past. Through the movement

and work of God’s Spirit, what started as two missionary families and 10-20 Malawian church leaders attending a Bible Training School has grown into a vast ministry that is vitally important to and accepted by church members, government officials, children, and community members, both Malawian and American.



Roland & Wanda Hayes and family served from 1961-1964

Numbers aren’t always helpful when trying to quantify ministry, since “transformation” is not really something you can show on paper. This is a brief scope of what has happened at Namikango in these last 60 years.

**A 90-acre piece of land was purchased** where Bible school dorms, classroom, offices, and staff housing were built. Today, the campus holds new classrooms, administration offices, dorms, the coffee plantation, and a soccer field.

**24 Bible Training Centers in Malawi & 50+ in Mozambique** grew out of one Bible Training Center, with thousands of leaders trained and over 2,000 congregations started. Today, the Discipleship Training Institute is discipling both men and women in the Gospel.

**In 1974, the Maternity Clinic was built.** Today, we have an Outpatient Department and an HIV Testing & Counseling Center. It also provides many services to the community.



The Hayes’ and Shelburnes visit a church in the early days of Namikango

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**Ntonda School** started in a church building and now exists as a fully-functioning primary school with over 2,000 students and 30+ teachers.

**Development programs** launched to meet basic needs:

- **Conservation Agriculture:** 45 farmers were trained who have trained over 900 farmers in their local communities.
- **Village Savings and Loans:** 30 women were trained who have launched over 126 groups to help women make a sustainable living.
- **Women's Ministry** teaches biblical health lessons to 6 groups with over 1,200 who are attending regularly.

“Relationship” is a key word that defines Namikango today. Our service to the people of Malawi is why the mission still exists. People look to Namikango for direction and leadership because of the faithfulness of all who have served here through the years. Namikango is a relationship between countries as well—US, Malawi, and Mozambique. With Malawians in each of the key leadership roles, the work of missionaries has largely transitioned from being the primary evangelists to being facilitators as others lead, train, and serve. I believe this was always the goal, and we now experience the blessing of the foundation laid these past 60 years.

We are so grateful to all the leaders who have brought Namikango to where it is today. I imagine I won't experience many honors in my life greater than having been able to serve alongside my Malawian brothers and sisters in a long line of God's servants. Sixty years to celebrate indeed! The impact reaches beyond time and into eternity.



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# Namikango Mission 60th Anniversary

Lubbock Christian University  
October 23, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

**Come celebrate the faithfulness of God over the last 60 years in Malawi  
with former missionaries, board members and other partners!**

Join us for dinner, awards, and other highlights!

\$25 per person

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