

**WELCOME!**

**“God loves the Church – and so do we!”** This is one of the reasons why this magazine is being launched.

We men go to great lengths to marry a certain lady – we prepare expensive gifts, travel far distances and sometimes spend a lot of time to that end. But God? He allowed his people to despise and ignore him for several thousand years, and yet he continued to send his love messages through his prophets. He corrected, punished and uplifted them – and again in the end, he gave his own life. His blood paved the way for us filthy sinners to become part of a new and perfect body – His beautiful bride! Although he still extends his love and care graciously to every person on this planet, his bride is at the centre of his interest and his most precious possession. He personally trained her first leaders, he gave his Spirit to teach her members, he empowered each one of them with specific skills, and he put mechanisms in place to see her safely through till that happy day when he will collect her, that she might live with him forever and ever. Surely he loves his Church!



And so do we – church planters, elders, deacons, youth leaders, women leaders, and anybody else who looks at things on this earth with the eyes of God. Such a strong community of like-minded

people, united by the life that God gave them, knit together through common values and goals, a warm fellowship that shields its members against the attacks of the devil – such a brilliant, heavenly invention is worth all our efforts. The Lord Jesus is building his Church – but he wants to use us in the process.

At the end of this first edition you'll read more about how this magazine will work. But first “Welcome to the table!” as we eat together the good food prepared for us by some brothers on pages 4-15. After that we shall follow the promise in our motto “Through the Scriptures to real life” - read some background information on the constitution of the Christian Brethren churches, look into the shop of one of our brothers, think about the impact of a new and strange religion on our young people or read an interesting story. And let's remember: knowledge calls for action! Let's get going and do what God has called us for.

**MWAISENI  
MUKWAI!**

**“Les a alitemwe cilonganino – naifwe bene twalicitemwa!”** Uyu e mulandu umo pa milandu iingi ico uyu magazini alelembelwa.

Abaume balacite fintu fingi pakuti bope umukashana. Balashite fyabupe ifyamutengo no kwenda imilundu kabili no kubomfye nshita iitali mu kulanshanya. Lelo Les a alekele abantu bakwe ukumusula nokumulaba pa myaka amakana. Nelyo cali fyo, atwalilile ukubatamine lyashi lyakutemwa ukupitila muli bakasesema. Alebalungika no kubapanika pamo no kubapuputula, nakukulekelasha abapele umweo wakwe wine. Umulopa wakwe watwiswilile nshila fwe babembu ababipisha kukuba mu mubili uupya kabili uusuma- nabwina wakwe! Nelyo asokolola ukutemwa pamo no kwangwa kwakwe ku bantu bonse abapano isonde, nabwina wakwe ewaba icikwatwa cakwe camutengo kabili ku mutima wakwe. Umwine asambilishe ntungulushi shantanshi no kupela Mupashi wa Mushilo pamo ne fyabupe fya Mupashi kuli cila mwina Kristu. Alipekanya fyonse ifyakulenga nabwina akafike umutende kuli bulya bushiku ubwabuseko ilyo akesamusenda pakuti akabe nao pe na pe. Cacine alitemwe cilonganino.

Naifwe bene, (abashimpa ifilonganganino, bacilolo, bakapyunga, intungulushi sha msepela, intungulushi sha banamayo na bonse abamone fintu pano isonde muli bu Les a), twalicitemwa. Ili bumba lya bantu abapalana mu matontonkanyo no kwikatana mu mweo untu Les a abapela, no kukakana pamo ukupitila mu cibwisha pamo no buyo, lyacingililwa kuli kasebanya ukupitila mwi senge. Kuti catuwamina ukubika mano kuli uku kupekanya ukwa ku mulu. Shikulu Yesu alefwaya ukutubomfya mu mulimo wa kukule cilonganino cakwe.



Uli no kubelenga na fimbi pamulandu wa kubomba kwa uyu magazini pampela yauko. Lelo pakubala “*Mwaiseni kwi tebulo!*” ilyo tulelila pamo icakulya icisuma ico ababwananyina bamo batupekanishe pa mabula 4-15. Panuma ya aya mabula, elyo twalakonka icalembwa ukuti “Ukupitila mu cipingo ukulola ku mikalile ya lelo” – ukubelenga ubupilibulo bwa lupapulo lwa cilonganino ca Christian Brethren (CMML) no kumona pamulandu wa bukwebo bwakwa munyina umo no kutontokanya pafyo imipepele ipya kabili yaibela ilecita mu myeo ya msepela, pamo no kubelenga ilyashi. Kabili twibukishe ukuti amano yafwaikwa ukuyabomfya! Natuleya tufikilishe icintu Les a atwitila.

**NATULEYA! - Let's go!**

The Editor