

(1) Alinafe Ka Tengeza.

Alinafe's parents were Christians, but he didn't really believe in God.

"I used to go to church just to impress my parents and family. My life was very lost and I was doing a lot of bad things behind my parents back; in high school I went out drinking and was a bully."

Most of Alinafe's friends were afraid of him because of his aggression and bullying.

One day at school, Alinafe got a sudden and unusual pain in his leg. A friend convinced him to come to a gathering of Christians in one of the classrooms to receive prayer. Alinafe was there when the preacher started speaking.

"As the preacher was sharing the word, it touched my heart because he said that what I was doing was sin and I gave my life to Jesus Christ. As the preacher was praying, the pain in my leg vanished for good and I believe that the Lord healed me on the spot."

That experience changed him.

"From that day I have had the passion to share the Good News with my fellow young people who pretend to be Christians but are doing dirty stuff behind, just like me."

Alinafe came to know about the AE Foxfire program through his church and he decided to join them and use his skills in dancing and music for kingdom of God.

"Joining the Malawi Foxfires has given me a bigger chance to share the Good News with people and with those who are far away from the Gospel."



(2) Christopher Richie

Christopher grew up in a family of mixed religion; his father is a Muslim and his mother a dedicated Christian.

“As a young man, I wanted to do my own thing and I ended up joining Islam – going to the mosque near our home and being influenced by my Muslim friends.”

Christopher and his friends lived a rebellious life – seeing girls, drinking and smoking.

“My life was completely lost.”

His mother and grandmother sometimes had church prayer groups over to their house and at one point, Christopher’s grandmother convinced him to sit and pray with them.

“She wanted me to be changed – but nothing happened.”

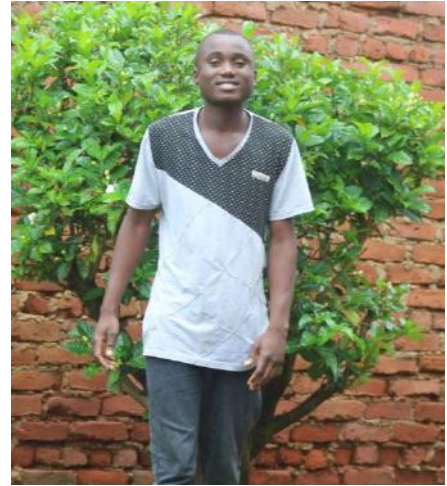
His grandmother invited him to church with her and he decided to go along to appease her.

“The pastor was preaching and was pointing at me, and I felt something inside me because of my sins. I went to the front when he invited people forward to give their lives to Jesus Christ.”

To grow in his faith, Christopher joined the discipleship group at church and has discovered a joy for preaching, and a desire to share the Gospel with other young people.

“I have the passion to preach about Jesus to people who are being taught false doctrines.”

Through joining the AE Foxfires, he now has that chance.



(3) Deborah Kachule.

Deborah grew up with mixed ideas about how a Christian girl was supposed to behave.

"Both my parents are serious, dedicated Christians, but to me going to church was just part of Sunday activities."

Deborah acted like a good girl but said inside felt bitter and self-righteous.

"I did not like boys. Even sitting next to a boy was a sin to me, and I was very harsh with them. I was moody and rude even to my friends around me."



On a students' retreat, Deborah was confronted with the truth about her behavior.

"The preacher talked about emotions and pure Christianity. It was as though he had been told about my whole life!"

She gave her life to Jesus at that retreat and asked him to heal her wounds and teach her the truth.

"When he was praying a prayer of surrender, I followed along in my heart and surrendered my life to Christ."

Deborah came to know the AE Malawi Foxfires not long after that when a team of Foxfires visited her school and her youth group. As soon as she heard about the new recruitment, she applied to join the team and now, at the age of 18, is embarking on a great adventure in her faith.

"Now that I am changed, I really have the zeal to share the Good News with people."

(4) Isaac Pangson.

Isaac remembers a time of idyllic peace as a child before his family was torn apart.

"I was the last born of seven children and life was good when we were living in the village. Then my parents divorced and we were all deeply hurt. We did not understand why this was happening to us."

He and one of his brother left the village with his mother, and moved to the city of Lilongwe to try make a fresh start.



"Life was very tough when we joined city life since my mother did not have any job and had to brew local beer to sell."

She moved the family around and they found a house with a Muslim landlord. Isaac and his brother became friends with the landlord's children and soon converted to Islam.

"The moment I joined Islam, my life changed and I found myself in a circle of peer pressure, being influenced to do the wrong things."

Isaac lived this way for 5 years before meeting and becoming friends with a Christian boy who invited him to church and youth group.

"I started going to his church just to participate in dramas and youth activities."

But God spoke to him in 2010 at one of the Sunday services.

"At the youth service, a preacher come to share the Good News and it was like he was talking about my life. At the end he invited those that wanted to receive Jesus to come forward and I felt a force like I have never felt before."

Isaac went forward and prayed, asking Jesus to take over his life.

"From that day I was relieved of the burden I used to have and I have begun learning from the Bible, and going to church with a heart wanting to know God more. I want to know how I can share this Good News with Muslims who are far from the truth."

Isaac joins this year's Foxfires in Malawi.

"Now that I am a true believer and follower of Jesus Christ, my passion is to preach the Good News through dancing, acting and music."

(5) Grace Phuka.

As the oldest child with two younger siblings, Grace was rude and bossy.

Her parents were Christians but Grace thought that, because she went to church and Sunday school, it did not matter how she behaved.

“At school and at home I was rude and troublesome. I thought I was born again but I didn’t act right.”

Then at a Christian student camp, Grace heard a preacher talk about a Christian’s personal life.

“He talked about the things that I was doing; my rudeness, moodiness and selfishness. I was touched by the message and decided to give my life to Christ.”

She went forward during the altar call and publicly surrendered her life to Jesus.

“I was set free. It is now my lifestyle to share what the Lord has done in me and preach the Good News to my friends and those who have never heard it.”

She is excited at the opportunity to do this as an AE Foxfire.

“I now have a great direction because I have Jesus with me wherever I go.”



(6) Mercy Mwafulirwa

Mercy lived a happy life with her parents, but when she was a teenager her father died and she felt her life crash down around her. As the youngest in a family of seven children, she felt the loss deeply.

"I faced a lot of peer pressure and started doing whatever my friends said. I kept bad company with rude girls, was unruly at home and didn't respect my elders. My mother was not happy with the life I was leading."

It took a long time to accept her father's death. Mercy thought that what she was doing would ease the pain.

In the midst of all this, Mercy's Uncle came to visit and saw how unhappy his niece was. He took her to a Christmas event at a church.

"As the pastor preached, I found myself crying and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. The pastor called me for counselling and helped me to know that Jesus is the father of the fatherless."

She knows now that she is a living testimony of this fact.

"I am very happy to be part of the Foxfire youth team, to reach out to my fellow young people and share the Good News to everyone!"

Mercy heard about the Foxfire program through a radio broadcast and asked her church and friends to help her apply.

She joins the team with a heart ready to learn and serve!

