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The just ended year was not very good for the fact that not all the main projects were done. First we talk of those projects which relay mainly on funding from well wishers. This is the roofing project.

The little funds we received were used in the following presbyteries namely: Mangochi, Ntcheu, Blantyre City and Blantyre North. In Mangochi, Bindula Church was roofed, Ntcheu, Chipande Church, roofed as well as Matindi Manse. Blantyre City we had Misusa and Mvunguti Churches.

Secondly most of the Churches in urban areas are fully self help the Congregations do most of the works. Another thing is that, churches which were not roofed due to luck of funding, most of them have collapsed, and members are starting all over again. Some of Churches who were also roofed have lost their roof due to heavy rains and winds, e.g. Blantyre North Presbytery – Katetechiya Church was roofed but the roof was blown off. In Chingale Presbytery there two roofs which were blown off.

There are also some churches in all the presbytery which were built four years ago but no roofs. Some of the structures their walls twice collapsed, and Christians have been busy putting up new walls. So these are some of the projects that need to be looked closely when funds are made averable.

School projects have no problems because same schools that received funding were renovated such as in Zomba Presbytery and Zomba South Presbytery. We have built new school blocks. In other school pit latrines have been built. Neno Girls Secondary School, one block of Hoatel is almost finished. We in the building department have been involved in all these activities.

House and office Maintenances here at the Synod, this is the daily works which take place everyday.

Blantyre Synod being an old place there are also very old buildings which needs to be taken care.

Although there are more projects to be done, good enough, some congregations are very busy maintaining these Churches and Manses. The longer the projects stay, more problems surfaces.

Thanks

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