**SPEECH OF GUEST OF HONOR:**

We have come together here today to Celebrate, to praise and to worship the most High God for His Love, Grace and Mercy and for all He has done for and through FTS Ministries.

All of us who are here together have come to witness in some or other way the works of His Hands in and through FTS Ministries. All of us here present’s lives have been impacted in some or other way through this Ministry which God brought to birth for a specific purpose.

If it was not for God, this Organization, this place and this meeting would not have taken place.

A Ministry can stand or fall if it is not for God-fearing leadership and we thank God that He gave us leaders who fear Him and desire to honor Him in everything they do.

1. **We want to acknowledge the FTS Board members:**
   - Board Chair: Mr. Chikoya
   - Vice Chair: Rev. Mathyoka
     - Other Members of the Board:
       - Mr. Tione
       - Mr. Chinyama
       - Mr. Chibwana
       - Miss. Nguluwe
       - Miss. Chizimba

2. **The FTS Management is:** Louise Laubscher, Stonard Banda and Ishmael Devison
3. Let us realize and acknowledge that even if leaders meet, if there are no people to GO OUT/REACH OUT, TO TEACH AND TO SEND OUT, this ministry will be nothing more than just an office with people in it.

We therefore also want to acknowledge and thank God for every person who have committed themselves to serve in this Ministry.

**May all the Full time workers and volunteer workers please stand up.**

4. **May all the Community based delegates stand up who are representing:**

Nkhatabay, Nkhotakota, Mtakataka, Salima, Kasungu, Ntchisi, Malingunde, Dedza, Chimwala, Nkhoma and Chilenje.

Thank you for your commitment, passion and sacrifice that you have made. May He who knows how to bless, bless you all.

5. **At this point we also want to ask our USA Y-Malawi Represent er Mrs./Madam Sheryl France-Moran to stand up.**

We wish to you to know our gratitude for your presence and for you come and celebrate with us and bear witness on behalf of Y-Malawi USA. Thank you for your obedience to God in coming alongside FTS Ministries and empower, support and encourage them to fulfill the calling which they have received. Please convey our gratitude to all those in leadership of Y-Malawi USA.

6. FTS Ministries made it clear that they which to network and partner with other Christian Organizations, Institutes and Churches, realizing that on their own they will not be capable of bringing in the Harvest. We therefore also want to acknowledge a few organization with whom FTS Ministries work closely with (in no specific order):

a) Life Ministries in Lilongwe

b) HCFI

c) Bible Society, Malawi

d) Zikomo Yesu Ministries

e) Good News Media, Wellington, South Africa

f) FCE
g) Y-Malawi USA

h) And last but not least the Y-Malawi Partners within Malawi: Chiefs Ministry under EAM, World Vision, Nkhoma Youth under Nkhoma Synod and OIBM.

7. **Achievements and Impact into lives of Individuals, Families, Communities and Churches:**

a) **Through Outreaches & Training:**

- In Chisema village in GVH Mtanga, STA Malengachanzi in Nkhotakota a church was formed through 2 families who accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour. They reached out to their community members and the 1st Church in this community was built with a membership of 200 members.

- After various outreaches and training programs within Lobi, Dedza, a strong team of disciples were formed. Since then, they have done many outreaches including into Mozambique. These trained community members from Lobi, Dedza are leading now a group of 56 people from Mozambique in a Discipleship training program.

- FTS Ministries serve an estimated 43 different denomination through Outreaches and Training programs on an Annual basis from the 3 Regions of Malawi.

- Many of the Discipleship trainees who attended the FTS Ministries training became more effective within their churches and received bigger responsibilities and leadership roles within their various church denominations.

8. **In the FTS Ministries Media and Literature Department we celebrate the following:**

i) Recording of the Tonga New Testament on the Talking Bible

ii) Recording of the Tonga Look, Listen and Live Bible stories for various Audio Bibles

iii) Mobilizing at least 600 Talking Bibles, Sabers, Proclaimers and Audibibles have been mobilized in 8 Districts in Malawi (Nkhatabaya, Nkhotakota, Salima, Kasungu, Ntchisi, Mtakataka & Lobi in Dedza, Nkhoma, Chilenje, Chimwala and Malingunde in Lilongwe District and in
Blantyre) as well as into Mozambique. This enables exposure of at least 50,000 people per year to the Gospel and strengthening believers.

iv) FTS Ministries have been appointed by Good News Media and Global Recording Network as the main distributor of Audio Bibles within Malawi.

9. Ministering to the Child is seen as one of the main focus areas within FTS Ministries:

i) 395 Children’s Ministry workers have been trained through FTS Ministries over the period that the FTS Ministries exist;

ii) An estimated 31,600 Kids are served by these Children’s workers weekly through Sunday schools, Kidclub and Pre-schools.

iii) We are excited to hear the testimonies of parents of these children! That many parents have been encouraged to pray and be part of the church.

10. Bible study groups:

We are excited that people in these communities where FTS Ministries are serving are desiring to come together to study His Word and that more and more people are meeting together to study the Word of God during the week.

11. Our Hope is:

a) To faithfully continue to reach out, train and prepare people to be sent out into their communities and as God permits even across the borders of Malawi into other countries and ensure that many people could hear and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour;

b) That Community leaders, church leaders and leaders of other organizations will be encouraged and take hands with FTS Ministries in working together towards the purpose God called us to serve each other;

c) Let us learn from the great men of the Bible and make time to Praise and Worship God for what He has done.

• King David (a man called after God’s own heart) – 2 Sam 6:14 danced before the Lord with all his strength.