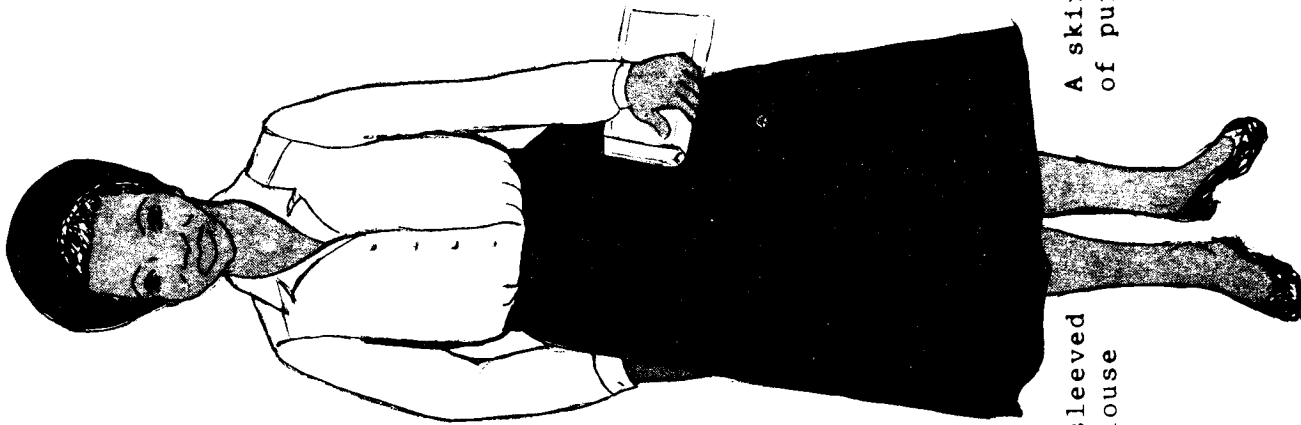


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Uniform for Baptist Women in Malawi



A white long sleeved  
shirt-waist blouse

A skirt and duku  
of purple

Things to Do  
For Your Church to Receive an Emblem

1. Have Women's meetings in your church every week.
2. Have officers for the Women's meetings.
3. Use the programs from the Women's literature.
4. Have the Week of Prayer and give offerings.
5. Have the Day of Prayer and give offerings.
6. One-half of the women in your church have to receive the Bible and certificate. (One-half of the women who regularly attend the Women's meetings.)
7. Your church to give the Women's books to the Women:  
Two program books each quarter.  
One manual book for the church.
8. Officers (leaders) in your church to attend one training session in your association each year.

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*"We are labourers together with God."*

1 Corinthians 3:9

## Responsibilities of the Alangizi

Alangizi should know that they have been chosen by the church to do the work of God. They are to train the girls in Christian living.

Their responsibilities are these:

1. Set the example by their own Christian living and witness.
2. Lead girls who do not know Christ to accept Him as their personal Saviour.
3. Keep a record of the girls who come for training, recording their birth date and date of maturity.
4. Give Christian teaching about physical growth to girls who have matured.
5. Continue to give Christian teaching to the girls at the times of engagement, marriage, first pregnancy, and birth of first child.
6. Give birth certificates when children are born.
7. Abstain from teaching what is contrary to the teaching of the Bible.

Alangizi

Alangizi Leader

The Alangizi are women, chosen by the local church, who help to train girls in a godly way. They are women who are faithful Christians, chosen because of their Christian maturity and understanding. Their primary task is to lead girls who do not know Christ to accept Him as their personal Saviour and to lead Christian girls to grow spiritually in Christ. They also act as counselors to the girls while they are maturing physically.

There should be at least two Alangizi chosen for each church. These women should not receive money or gifts for their services. Their reward is the joy that comes from serving the Lord.

How to Choose the Alangizi

When choosing Alangizi, the parents in the church should choose women who have been members of the church for more than four years, if possible. They must be married and have children. It would be good for the Alangizi to know how to read and write. They should be able to come to the Alangizi meetings held twice each year.

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Baptist Women in the Churches

Secretary

1. She presides if the Chairman is absent.
2. She keeps a roll of all members.
3. She reports to the group regularly.
4. She helps the Chairman prepare reports to be sent to the Association or to the Area Missioanry.

Treasurer

1. She keeps a record of all offerings and how the money was used and gives reports to the group each week.
2. She sends the special offerings to the address indicated in the programs.
3. She encourages the women to be good stewards.

## Baptist Women in the Churches

## UMODZI WA AMAYI A BAPTIST AKU MALAWI

### Members

1. Every member of Baptist Women in Malaŵi knows that she has work to do.
2. She needs to attend meetings faithfully.
3. She tries to enlist other Baptist women.
4. She gives a part on the program.
5. She prays with the other women and will lead the prayer if she is asked.
6. She works on a committee if she is asked.
7. She tries to be a good steward.
8. She remembers that "We are workers together with God."

### Chairman

1. She presides at all meetings.
2. She conducts the business of the organization.
3. She seeks to enlist all Baptist Women.
4. She helps other officers learn their duties.
5. She tries to attend training sessions in the associations.
6. She sends her name, address, and name of the church to the area missionary.
7. She prepares the program for every meeting and assigns parts in advance so that those taking part can prepare.

### Purpose:

The purpose of "Umodzi wa Amayi a Baptist aku Malaŵi" is for women in the churches of the Baptist Convention in Malaŵi to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, to grow as Christians, and to share this knowledge with others in Malaŵi and throughout the world.

### Aims:

To fulfill the purpose of "Umodzi wa Amayi a Baptist aku Malaŵi", the following Aims are to be studied and learned by the women in the Baptist churches.

1. Studying the Bible - Psalm 119:11
2. Praying - John 14:13
3. Attending Church Regularly - Hebrews 10:25
4. Witnessing for Christ - Acts 1:8
5. Sharing Possessions - Christian Stewardship - Malachi 3:10
6. Having a Christian Home - Joshua 24:15
7. Knowing About God's World - Matthew 28:19-20

## Aim One - Studying the Bible

Psalms 119:11 "I keep your law in my heart, so that I will not sin against you."

The Bible is God's Word. Through the Bible God speaks to us. We need to read the Bible every day. His Word is the food we need for spiritual growth. One way your soul can grow is by Bible study.

Our first Aim is "Studying the Bible." We can reach this Aim in the following ways:

1. By encouraging each woman to read her Bible every day.
2. By learning (memorising) one (some) verse from the Bible each week.
3. By having family worship in our homes each day. Read the Bible with our children and husbands.
4. By using the Daily Bible Readings Guide.
5. By attending Sunday School and Church. We want to support our church. Sunday School is the organisation of the church in which the Bible is taught. We need to go to Sunday School and learn more about the Bible. The pastor preaches from the Bible. We need to be in church every Sunday to hear God's message to us.
6. By following the teachings in the Bible in everything we do.
7. By attending the women's meetings in the church. It is important to read all the programme material in our books. Our programmes for Baptist Women are based on God's Word. We should study them, with the Bible, every week.

3. She keeps an accurate record of all money received and spent.
4. She serves as a member of her associational women's committee.

### Associational Officer - Alangizi

1. She teaches in the training sessions for Alangizi leaders in her association.
2. She serves on the associational women's committee.
3. See Handbook for Alangizi for additional information.

Aim Two - Praying

John 14:13 "And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son."

Prayer is talking to God. We praise God. We thank Him for all He gives us each day. We confess our sins to Him, asking His forgiveness. We talk over our problems with Him and ask Him to lead us to know what He wants us to do. We tell Him the things we need and ask Him to provide for them each day. We pray for our families and friends. We pray for lost people. We pray for our church and our pastor. We pray for the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. We pray for people in other countries. We pray for the leaders in the government.

Jesus spent much time in prayer. He taught His disciples to pray. The Christian in the New Testament church prayed very often. In the Bible there are many prayer promises.

Our second Aim is "Praying." We can reach this Aim in the following ways:

1. By encouraging each member to pray daily.
2. By praying and reading the Bible with our families each day. We need to teach our children to pray when the family worships together.
3. By encouraging other times of prayer in the home. In our homes we should pray before we eat our food. We can teach even little children to say "thank you" prayers to God. We can have a prayer time with our children before they go to sleep. Children can learn to thank God for His care during the day. They can pray He will watch over them through the night. They can learn to ask God to forgive their sins, too. They can learn to pray for other people. We can help our older children study their Sunday School lesson each week. We can pray with them for the Sunday

Associational Officer - Chairman

1. She presides at all associational meetings or appoints someone else to do so.
2. She is the public relations representative for the association.
3. She serves as a member of the associational women's committee.
4. She leads in planning and doing the work of the Baptist Women in Malaŵi in her association.
5. She serves as chairman of the Women's Committee in her association and presides at its meetings.
6. She works with National Women's Committee to project plans for her association.

Associational Officer - Secretary

1. She is responsible for registration at her associational meetings.
2. She records and sends out minutes of associational Women's Committee minutes.
3. She sends out needed information preparing for associational meetings.
4. She serves as a member of associational women's committee.
5. She keeps in a file the copies of all reports and letters received and sent.
6. Samples of forms to fill in will be included here.

Associational Officers - Treasurer

1. She receives and keeps records of money and offerings for associational women's meetings.
2. She gives treasurer's report at associational meetings.

School teacher and for the children who come. Our children see us pray and learn to pray. They learn to pray when we pray with them.

4. By observing the Week of Prayer. This programme teaches us about our Baptist work in the local church, the association, the country of Malaŵi, the continent of Africa, and the world. We pray for this work. We also learn about the needs. We give an offering to help with our work in these five areas.

5. By observing the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. This is held the first Monday in November each year. A special programme is written for a prayer meeting on this day.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. It first started in Europe in 1958 at the end of the Second World War. There was much heartbreak and ill feeling between countries. Baptist women began praying for this feeling between countries to be mended.

We pray for our work in many countries of the world. We give a special offering at this time. The offering helps with the work of Baptist Women in Africa. It also helps with work of the Baptist World Alliance.

6. By encouraging each woman to attend prayer services in her church.

#### National Officer - Secretary

1. She is responsible for registration at the annual meeting.
2. She records and sends out minutes of Women's Committee meetings.
3. She sends out needed information preparing for national meetings.
4. She serves as a member of joint Women's Committee.
5. She keeps in a file the copies of all reports and letters received and sent.

#### National Officer - Treasurer

1. She receives World Day of Prayer Offering and sees that the offering is sent to the Baptist Women's Union of Africa Treasurer.
2. She receives and keeps records of money and offerings for Baptist Women in Malaŵi.
3. She gives treasurer's report at committee meetings and at annual meeting.
4. She keeps an accurate record of all money received and spent.
5. She serves as a member of the Women's Committee.

#### National Officer - Alangizi

1. She teaches in the Training Sessions for Alangizi leaders in the Associations when invited.
2. She serves on the Women's Committee.
3. See Handbook for Alangizi for additional information.

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### Qualifications for all officers.

1. She must be a sincere Christian.
2. She must be willing to work and prepare her work well.
3. She must be a baptized member in good standing of her local Baptist church and an active member of the Baptist Women of that church.
4. She must be morally upright.
5. She must have proved herself to be a leader in the local Baptist Women's group.
6. She must be able to make good decisions and to use good judgment in all matters.
7. She must have love and understanding towards people of all races and nations.
8. She must be devoted to the cause of spreading God's Word around the world.

### National Officer - Chairman

1. She presides at all annual meetings or appoints someone else to do so.
2. She is the public relations representative.
3. She serves as a member of the Women's Committee.
4. She leads in planning and doing the work of the Baptist Women in Malaŵi.
5. She serves as Chairman of the Women's Committee and presides at its meetings.

## Aim Three - Attending Church Regularly

Hebrews 10:25 *"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."*

The local church is a group of people who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour and have been baptized. The purpose of the church is to worship, to have Christian fellowship, and to serve with other Christians so that others may come to know Jesus.

The early Christians met on the first day of the week, Sunday. This is the day Jesus arose from the grave. They called it "the Lord's Day." Today we continue to meet on the Lord's Day. Attending church regularly (habitual tense) is a God-given responsibility and privilege.

Our third Aim is "Attending Church Regularly." We can reach this Aim in the following ways:

1. By encouraging each member to attend church every week.
2. By making preparation on Saturday for going to church on Sunday.
3. By taking visitors or guests in your home to church with you. Or attending church even if your visitors will not go.
4. By studying what the Bible teaches about the church and worship.

## Aim Four - Witnessing for Christ

Acts 1:8 *"But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

The most important work of the Christian is to share Jesus with lost people. Baptist Women believe that every Christian should be a witness for Jesus. We will lead others to Jesus. This is called "soul-winning." In our meetings we learn how to share God's plan of salvation. We also learn how to show love and concern for the lost who live about us. Others will see Jesus in our lives.

Our fourth Aim is "Witnessing for Christ." We will witness for Christ in the following ways:

1. By memorising the plan of salvation.
2. By encouraging each member to follow high Christian standards in her life. Our lives must show forth Jesus before we can lead others to Him. Some of the Christian standards we should follow are:
  - 1) Prayer and worship in our home.
  - 2) Keeping Sunday in a Christian way. Attend church services faithfully.
  - 3) Refrain from gossip. Be clean in speech, dress, and in the things one does.
  - 4) Refuse to use beer and tobacco or to make beer.
  - 5) Taking proper care of our children.
  - 6) Obeying the laws of the country.
  - 7) Loving other people, members of other tribes, and races as well as one's own family.
3. By discovering the needs of people around us and doing something about them.
4. Making plans so that Baptist Women can meet these needs. Here are some suggestions:

## HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR BIBLE AND CERTIFICATE

There are five "rows" for you to work (five steps to do) for you to receive a Bible and Certificate. Requirements are on the next pages.

A committee of three women leaders in your church will hear you repeat the verses. They will also know when you have completed all the requirements. There is a place ( date ) for the leaders in your church to give the day when you have completed each "row" or each step. Each "row" or each step must be completed all at one time. These verses cannot be said one by one, unless the lady cannot read.

When you have completed all the work, the women's leader in your church will notify your area missionary. She has the Bibles and Certificates.

Have a Bible Service in your church when you receive the Bible and Certificate. The Bible and Certificate is a gift to you.

After you have received the Bible and Certificate, you can purchase the pin for "Umodzi wa Amayi a Baptist aku Malaŵi" from the area missionary. The pin is bought with your money.

After you have received the Bible and Certificate, you can purchase your material and have your uniform made by the tailor in your area. The uniform is bought with your money.

The important thing is for you to learn the work to receive the Bible and Certificate. It is not necessary for you to buy the pin or the uniform.

Aim Seven - Knowing About God's World.

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

\_\_\_\_\_ date

Those who do not read can say the verses one at a time.

- 1) Winning the lost:  
Visit, pray, witness to a person who is not a Christian.  
Use tracts and Bible.  
Study methods of soul-winning.  
2) Helping our church with its work:  
Work with the Sunday School.  
Help make the church more attractive by cleaning the building.  
Work in the church yard.  
Make or purchase things for the church such as table cloth or hymn books.  
Bring flowers to the church.  
3) Helping people who are in need of food and clothing:  
Sew for patients in hospital.  
Make clothing for those in need.  
Use offering to buy clothing, blankets, or food.  
When these things are given, be sure to tell the people about Jesus.  
It is because you love Jesus and love them that you are giving.  
You might have a special programme in the hospital if they agree.  
4) Helping the sick:  
Visit the sick.  
Take gifts or flowers.  
Help in the home or in the field of the sick one.  
Use all these opportunities to tell of the love of Jesus for lost people.  
5) Helping at the time of death:  
Visit and pray with the family.  
Sing hymns and read the Bible with them.  
Help with cooking food.  
Take gifts to help.  
6) Helping old people:  
As you help meet their needs, witness to them about Jesus.  
Witness to their families.

- 7) Reading the scriptures to others who cannot read:  
Teach them Bible verses.  
There is a government program that offers courses to people who are willing to teach others who cannot read.
- 8) Helping when a newborn baby comes:  
Visit the mother.  
Help in the home.  
Tell her how Jesus loves little children.  
Invite her to come to church and learn of Jesus so she can teach her children.
- 9) Helping to give out tracts, Sunday School lessons, and Scripture portions to others to read and learn of the Christian way.
- 10) Helping to visit and invite the lost, the Christians, and the church members who are not active in church and encouraging them to attend the services.

5. Know the Aims and the verse for each Aim.

Aim One - Studying the Bible.

Psalm 119:11 "I keep your law in my heart, so that I will not sin against you."

Aim Two - Praying.

John 14:13 "And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son."

Aim Three - Attending Church Regularly.

Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."

Aim Four - Witnessing for Christ.

Acts 1:8 "But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Aim Five - Sharing Possessions - Christian Stewardship.

Malachi 3:10 "Bring the full amount of your tithes to the Temple, so that there will be plenty of food there. Put me to the test and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things."

Aim Six - Having a Christian Home.

Joshua 24:15 (b,d) "Decide today whom you will serve. As for my family and me, we will serve the Lord."

Sharing Possessions - Christian Stewardship

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As Christian women we want to help the work of our church. Baptist Women is a part of the church. We love our church and want to see it grow. God's Word teaches us to give to the church. God teaches us to give cheerfully and willingly.

Baptist Women also study how to use their talents in service for God and the church. We give ourselves and our money in support of God's work.

Our fifth Aim can be met in the following ways:

1. By studying what the Bible teaches on stewardship.
2. By encouraging all the women to give their tithe and offerings to the church. God commands us to bring the tithe to his house, the church. All we have belongs to God, but He has only asked us to give Him one-tenth. If we have ten tambala, one tambala belongs to God. If we have ten chickens, then one belongs to God. We can sell it and give the money to the church. Our tithes help our church to grow. Our tithes are used in the following ways:
  - 1) To help pay our pastor's salary.
  - 2) To help buy literature and to help pay expenses of the church.
  - 3) To help keep our church building in good repair.
  - 4) To help Associational work.
  - 5) To help the work of the Baptist Convention in Malaŵi.

2. Learn the following Plan of Salvation.

Step One - Repent.

Romans 3:23 "Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence."

Luke 13:3 "No indeed! And I tell you that if you do not turn from your sins, you will all die as they did."

Step Two - Believe.

John 3:16 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life."

Step Three - Ask.

Romans 10:13 "As the scripture says, 'Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.'"

Step Four - Confess.

Romans 10:9-10 "If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved."

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3. Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and give your testimony before your church.

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4. Attend the women's meetings in your church faithfully for three months.

\_\_\_\_\_ date

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3. By giving of our time and talents to God.  
By helping to keep the church looking nice.  
By singing in the choir.  
By teaching a Sunday School lesson.  
By leading a Bible study in our home.  
By being a Christian witness.
4. By encouraging women to use all their possessions and time in the right way that will glorify God.
5. By encouraging women to give above their tithe as the Lord blesses.

Five things you must do to receive the Bible and Certificate.

1. Learn 1 Corinthians 3:9.  
*"We are labourers together with God."*

Learn the Women's Hymn.

Come, women, wide proclaim  
Life through your Saviour slain;  
Sing evermore.  
Christ, God's effulgence bright,  
Christ, who arose in might,  
Christ, who crowns you with light,  
Praise and adore.

Come, clasping children's hands,  
Sisters from many lands,  
Teach to adore,  
For the sinsick and worn,  
The weak and overborne,  
All who in darkness mourn,  
Pray, work, yet more.

Work with your courage high,  
Sing of the daybreak nigh,  
Your love outpour.

Stars shall your brow adorn,  
Your heart leap with the morn,  
And, by His love upborne,  
Hope and adore.

Then when the garnered field  
Shall to our Master yield  
A bounteous store,  
Christ, hope of all the meek,  
Christ, whom all earth shall seek,  
Christ, your reward shall speak,  
Joy evermore.

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date

Aim Six - Having a Christian Home

Joshua 24:15 (b,d)

"Decide today whom you will serve.  
As for my family and me, we will  
serve the Lord."

God made the home in the very beginning.  
A Christian home is where Christ is the center.  
A Christian home is where the members seek first  
to do His will. The kind of home we have will  
depend upon our relationship with Jesus.

Our sixth Aim is to have a Christian home.  
We can meet this Aim in the following ways:

1. By making Jesus Christ the center of our life and our home.
2. By having family worship in our home. What is family worship? This is the time each day when the family meets together in the home to worship God together. It is a time when the family reads the Bible and prays together. The family may like to sing choruses or hymns at family worship. The father, as head of the home, should lead in family worship. If the father is not a Christian, then the mother can meet with the children for family worship. Perhaps the father will see his family worshipping and want to worship, too.
3. By being a wife and mother who is loving, patient, cheerful, gentle, peaceful, and understanding.
4. By training our children. As Christian women we want the things that are best for our children. We want to have good food to eat and clothes to wear. We want them to go to school. We want to teach our children about Jesus. We want them to learn to love Jesus and follow Him each day. We should begin training our children when they are young. Christian mothers have a very important responsibility in training children. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

1. By studying programmes about people who live in different countries of the world.
2. By learning all we can about our own Baptist work.
3. By observing the Baptist Women's Week of Prayer.
4. By observing the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer.

## Aim Seven - Knowing About God's World

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

When we study in the Bible, we learn about God's great love for all the world. His love was so great that He sent His only son, Jesus, to die for the sins of men. God does not want anyone in the world to be lost in sin. He wants all people to repent, trust Jesus as Saviour, and thus find eternal life.

God's plan is that those who trust Jesus will tell lost people everywhere. Jesus said to His followers, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind." (Mark 16:15)

How can every Christian go into all the world? We must have a love and concern like God's love and concern for lost people. We must learn about the people of the world so that we can pray for them. We must learn how our gifts of money can help them hear about Jesus. We need to know more about people and their needs in the country in which we live. We also need to know more about people and their needs in other countries in the world.

Our seventh Aim is "Knowing About God's World." This Aim leads us to want to share Jesus with other people as we learn about them. We can reach this Aim in these ways:

1. We can train our children in our homes by:
  1. Teaching our children about God and leading them to become Christians. Proverbs 22:6.
  2. Helping them to grow as Christians through: Teaching them to pray.  
Leading them to study the Bible.  
Teaching them to give tithes and offerings to the church.  
Teaching them to trust God for every detail of their life.  
Encouraging and taking them to church regularly.
  3. Teaching our children about Christian love and marriage.
  4. Observing good health standards in our homes.
  5. Recognising that we have the responsibility to teach our children by example. Proverbs 31:10-31.
- For our children to have a future Christian home we need to teach them at home, but also they need to be trained in our churches. We can help train our children in our churches by:
  1. Encouraging children to attend Sunday School and worship services every week.
  2. Teaching a children's Sunday School class.
  3. Choosing one or two women to serve as Alangizi for the girls of our church.
  4. Choosing a dedicated Christian man to talk with the boys of the church.