

AN INTERVIEW WITH TECHNICAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MR RAYMOND CAGHOMA

As Andiamo Trust has got different institutions and Sectors each has a leader. One of the most important Institutions that Andiamo has its Schools. It has Nursery Schools, Primary schools, colleges and there are also plans to construct a Secondary school soon. To see how different coordinators are running their institutions, Website Office had an interview with Technical School Principal

Can you tell us your personal background in brief?

My Name is Raymond Caghoma, I was born on 22nd October, 1966 in Chipote village, Traditional Authority Nsamala, Balaka district. I attended my primary education in Blantyre and Dowa Districts. From there I attended my secondary education at Mtendere Juniorate now known as Marist Secondary School. From there, I went to Lunzu Spiritual Formation House for a year and I spent three years in a major seminary, at Kahangara in Tanzania where I obtained a certificate in Philosophy.



What can you say about your marital status?

Aah...I am a happily married person with a daughter.

Before becoming a Technical School Principal, have you ever worked anywhere?

Yes indeed, I have worked with a number of Organizations for some time. I once worked with Air Malawi, Shire Limited (Hard wares) and also Norsk Hydro.

For how long have you been a Principal?

For two years.

Two years it's not a joke to run such an Institution, what has been your experience like since you are on that position?

My experience has been fantastic and balanced. As you know, life is full of ups and downs. In this regard, it has been tough and easier at times in the sense that the school is still developing in terms of infrastructures. We experience problems like limited intake due to accommodation capacity. But with the construction of new dormitories the school

is now luck that improvement will be there in terms of intake. At times there are students who wish to continue with their studies up to Grade I, but since we are not able to offer that opportunity; now these students are forced to vagabond from one school to another searching for the service.

What picture can you draw about near future of the school?

In academic circles we are doing excellent. You can imagine passing rate of MVM students reaches up to 80% and for Electrical Installation and Carpentry and Joinery passing rate reaches up to 90%.

How do you look at Andiamo as an organization in general?

It's an institution which tries to develop the youth using all its resources and possible



means through formal and informal techniques which is a precious thing. By looking at Andiamo Education Institution part, it provides sustainable development by providing skills among the Youths. But also the special programs it offers to Orphans, School drop outs through formal training. For these students after completing their

training, they employ themselves there by also creating job opportunity for others.

What any last words do you have?

I want to encourage the Youth to take part in development of the country through acquiring different skills in technical work. Hence, this will help them to be self reliant.