

The Curtis Family

Missionaries to Malawi, Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

In the month of December we had the privilege to preach at both the hospital and the prison. In the hospital we preached in every ward, and in the prison we were given the opportunity to preach to everyone as a group. After preaching, we gave each hospital patient and prison inmate a bag of basic necessities along with a New Testament and Gospel tract. To the staff, we gave tracts and Bibles. I believe we gave out around 500 New Testaments! We praise the Lord that we were warmly received at both locations, and we were blessed to see many respond to the Gospel message! At the hospital my evangelism team saw 10 individuals from different wards indicate that they had chosen to repent and trust Christ as their Savior. In the prison there were approximately 60 that indicated that they had chosen to trust Christ as their personal Savior! Lord willing, we will continue our weekly Bible study in the prison the beginning of March, once we receive our yearly permission letter. Many of those who professed Christ as their Savior expressed interest in joining this weekly discipleship Bible study when we are able to start up again. Please continue to pray for this fruitful outreach opportunity that the Lord has given us here.

In our church planting efforts we have seen good progress during the past two months. At the church in Tengani which was started by the previous missionary, we were able to ordain their first permanent pastor on January 19th. All leadership responsibilities concerning this church have been officially transferred over to their newly ordained pastor. His name is Bonafice Beka. Please pray for him that the Lord will give him the necessary wisdom to lead and feed the flock in Tengani.

In Phokera, the church is now meeting in their new building! We held our first service in the new building on Christmas morning. We also officially started their mid-week prayer meeting at the beginning of January. One hour before prayer meetings, Jessica has also started reading lessons as many of those faithfully attending are unable to read their Bibles. The church here seems to be growing spiritually and also in the number of those in attendance. We currently have about 20 that have professed Christ as their Savior and are awaiting the next baptism, so that they can also join the church. Lord willing, we will be planning another baptism within the coming months.

We started a new salvation Bible study in Nyamula with the goal of planting a new church there. Unfortunately, because it is rainy season, we have been rained out numerous times. Our adult group in Nyamula is still quite small, with about 8 attending each time, but we expect this group to start growing. Jessica's group of children, on the other hand, is already quite large with close to 100 kids showing up last time. Please pray for the Lord to give us wisdom and remove the hindrances as we seek to start ministering in this village.

As I close this letter, I ask you to continue to pray for the requests mentioned in the last prayer letter. The situation here in Malawi has remained the same since the last letter, and the hindrances or opposition we have faced in the work have only intensified as the work of the ministry here is moving forward. It reminds me of Paul's words when he said, "a great door is opened and there are many adversaries." So please remember to continue to uphold our family, our national co-workers, and our ministries here up to the Lord in prayer. We desperately covet and need your continual prayers!

Your Servants in Christ,
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