



The Curtis Family

Missionaries to Malawi, Africa July 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

On June 7th we held our Bible college graduation for the first class of students that has graduated since we have arrived. We had a wonderful day, and they were all so excited to finish their training. We could see them growing in the Lord while they were here, and since they have left many of the students have requested tracts and John and Romans, as they seek to reach their area with the Gospel as well. What a great joy it is to train men who can go preach the Gospel in areas that we can't go!

The church in Phokera is continuing to do well. We are discipling them during the Sunday school hour, and they seem to be growing spiritually. We are also having regular visitors who are expressing a desire to be members of the church. As these visitors come, we are witnessing to each new visitor and many are choosing to trust Christ. Some of our visitors are coming from Mozambique, so it is possible that we will have church members from two countries. The people have also begun work on a permanent building for the church. They started molding their bricks for their new building the first of July. Their goal is to mold 20,000 bricks, which will probably take them a few more months. After they finish the bricks, we can start planning on when to build their permanent building. Probably one of the most encouraging things we've seen in this church is that two of our men there have started going on their own to a new, unreached village to share the Gospel with them! What a blessing to see them grow in their desire to serve the Lord and to reach others with the Gospel! Lord willing we will be inviting one of these men to attend the Bible College at our next intake in March 2025.

The Lord continues to bless the ministry here with souls being saved. It is a great joy to see how the Lord is working in so many hearts, but let me share with you just two testimonies. In our church in Phokera there is an older lady named Fatima. She has been faithfully attending almost since the beginning. We witnessed to her probably 4-5 times, but she continually refused to acknowledge that she was a sinner. We were greatly concerned for her, as she is quite elderly. Finally, after our last visit with her, she came to us following the next church service and said, yes, I am a great sinner indeed; and I need Jesus to save me! She then admitted that she had been heavily involved in both drinking alcohol and brewing it to sell to others. We are so thankful to share with you that she has now chosen to call on the Lord to save her! The other testimony I want to share is that of the village chief's wife. The chief received Christ as his Savior the very first time we shared the Gospel with him, and he is already a faithful member of the church, but we had not had a chance to witness to his wife. When we went to visit with her, she shared that she is from a region of Malawi that is mostly Muslim. She further told us that her dad was a Muslim pastor. At first, because of her upbringing, she thought Jesus was just a good man, but as we shared the Word of God with her she recognized that Jesus is indeed God and she readily called on the Lord to be her Savior! To think that we would ever have the opportunity to lead the daughter of an Muslim Imam to Christ! Praise the Wonderful name of Jesus! Truly it is wonderful to serve the Lord! Please pray for us as we go out each week to share the Gospel, that the Lord will continue to bless our efforts! Truly it is only the Lord that gives the increase! Thank you for your prayers!

Prayer Requests

*Pray for our continued health and safety! *Pray for fluency in the Chichewa language. *Pray for continued evangelism in Phokera as well as other villages. *Pray for the Phokera church to grow and mature. *Pray for us to have wisdom about where and when to start our next church plant *Pray for our prison ministry.

Praise

***100% of the needed money has been received to ship the Bibles! Thank You!**(According to updated information from BPS we will be getting this shipment of Bibles sometime next year)*The church in Phokera is growing and maturing! *The Gospel is going forth and souls are being saved and discipled! Our family has also stayed safe and healthy! Thank you for Praying!

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