

The *Curtis Family* Missionaries to Malawi, Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

In Malawi the needs that surround us are often overwhelming and abundant, and it can frequently be difficult to decide which needs to help. We have sought to be careful not to encourage people to become dependent on us, but at the same time we have sought to demonstrate compassion and to lovingly help with some needs as the Lord impresses them on our hearts. One way that Jessica has done this is by observing the young ladies in our children's classes. When she notices one who regularly attends whose clothes are very worn, she uses her seamstress skills to sew them a new dress. The young ladies are usually so full of joy with this simple gift, and they light up with big smiles as they twirl in their new dresses. Truly what a great joy that Jessica not only gets to teach them of the love of Christ, but she also gets to demonstrate the love of Jesus to them as she meets a physical need!

The ministry works in Phokera and Nyamula have both been moving slowly as of late. Although we still have had regular visitors in both locations, the attendance has been lower for both due to sicknesses going through the villages here. Even with the lower attendance, we praise the Lord for the spiritual growth that we have seen - especially in the Phokera church. They are now going soul winning on their own! Because of this we have focused most of our evangelistic activity now on the village of Nyamula. Both ministry works are also progressing with discipleship. The Phokera church just finished with their lesson on the home and family, and our Bible study group in Nyamula has just finished the lessons on baptism. Lord willing, I will soon start teaching on church membership and what we believe as Baptist before we have our first baptism and form membership in this village.

On June 30th the Bible college students all returned to continue their studies. They will now be with us until the end of September. At that time they will break for our hot season before coming back again next year in March 2026. They are currently taking four courses: The Life of Christ, Pastoral Leadership, The Church, and Discipleship. Please continue to pray for me, as well as the other men teaching that the Lord would use us greatly to equip these men to be strong, spiritual leaders and pastors in their churches.

As we close, let me remind you to please continue to pray for us! At times the spiritual battle here can be overwhelming. Often times there is not a specific request that can be mentioned, but there is an invisible battle that is raging behind the scenes, seeking to sow discord and to disrupt the work of the Lord. Please don't forget to pray for us and the work of the Lord here. It is clear that the devil would like to hinder what we are doing here. Also, we ask for you to pray for our safety as we approach the presidential elections on September 16th. Many have told us that we should expect unrest and rioting. Some have even suggested that civil war could possibly break out, depending on the results of the elections. As always we recognize that safety is of the Lord, but we do ask you to be specifically praying with us about this. As well I am prayerfully considering some changes here as we plan and prepare for our work here in the years to come. Please pray that the Lord would grant me the necessary wisdom and vision for our future service here that would most honor him.

Your Servants in Christ,
Eric & Jessica Curtis & Family

Abigail with one of the girls
Jessica made a dress for



Group Soulwinning in Nyamula



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