

The Curtis Family

Missionaries to Malawi, Africa



Dear Praying Friends,

March 2025

On March 3 we opened up the Bible college again with our new group of students. We had 10 who were signed up for classes, but only 8 were able to come. One of the men attending is from our church plant in Phokera. We hope that the Lord will allow him to eventually be the pastor there. A young man from the church in Tengani that was recently turned over to a new pastor is also attending. We trust that this young man will be a tremendous help to his new pastor. Another young man that is enrolled in the Bible college is from Nyamula, the village where we have started a Salvation Bible study. He has faithfully attended and goes on evangelism with us. We think that he may be a pastoral candidate for the future church that will be started there. The other men attending are from other areas further north of us. None of them have ever had any formal Bible training so we are excited to help strengthen them in Biblical understanding. We know that this will also strengthen the churches that they are assisting or pastoring.

The Phokera church continues to be doing well. Due to it being planting season, the attendance has been a little lower lately as most are in their fields almost constantly. We are continuing discipleship lessons during the Sunday School hour and hope to finish them in about a year. Our desire is that the church will be ready to turn over to a new pastor at that time. The work on the physical church building has also continued to progress, but is going a little slower than we would like because we have entered the rainy season. We are also excited to put up the permanent brick building for the youth during the last few months. We can't tell you how much we appreciate the regular support you send and the kind extra gifts that have been given to our family and ministry! Without this added help I am sure that these building projects would have been much more difficult to accomplish and would have taken a much greater period of time!

In Nyamula we have continued to have a good response as we go home to home in our soul winning efforts and we have seen the group of adults gathering for Bible study increase. The Lord has kept the rain away for a few weeks in a row, and our adult group has grown to 20! Thank you for praying about this! Please continue to pray for this village as we go out weekly soul winning there, and also for the Bible Study that the Lord would continue to work in hearts and draw them to hear His Word. The other week I had an opportunity to preach in the Nyamula market area during our soul winning time. We had planned to go home to home to visit people, but before we knew it a large group was gathering to listen to me preach the Gospel. It seemed that there was close to 50 people that had gathered to listen to the message! We praise the Lord that we were able to preach the Gospel to them all and give tracts and John and Romans to each one and also to invite them to the Bible Study! During this time we had a number who indicated that they had chosen to trust Christ as their Savior! Please pray that the Lord will work in their hearts and that even this week we would see some of them show up at the Bible Study.

Our family continues to do well. Jessica is still battling with some lung/asthma type problems, but it is a little more manageable now than it was before. Thank you for praying! The Lord is also continuing to provide safety. The number of snakes on the property seems to be much less than last year, and so far, we have not had anyone break into the compound this year at night. Thank you for praying! The gas crisis seems to have settled down and we are able to fill our gas tank normally during the last few weeks. Thank you for praying! As well the first cyclone of the year passed over and, thankfully, it seemed very mild, without any severe destruction. Again I know that your prayers are making a difference! You can continue to pray for us as we approach elections here in September 2025 as the political situation here seems to be a little tense. The current administration has done a very poor job managing things and people are very unhappy and holding regular demonstrations. Also, the prices on everything here seem to have doubled or increased even higher, making life very difficult for everybody - especially for the average Malawians. For example, last year a 50kg bag of corn, which is a staple food for Malawians, cost about \$12. This year that same bag of corn is currently costing about \$50. We trust that you will continue with us in prayer! Thank you for partnering with us!

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