



The *Curtis Family*

Missionaries to Malawi, Africa November 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

As I write this letter, Malawi is in yet another gas crisis. We have come to expect it during this time of year as gas shortages throughout the country have been a yearly problem since we arrived. Malawi always seems like it is in some sort of continual crisis. If it not gas shortages, it is food shortages, electric shortages, medicine shortages, Dollar (or forex) shortages or political and weather related crises. Really it can seem like one continual flow of one crisis after another. It definitely causes you to appreciate the stability that we enjoy in America concerning everyday life. Needless to say with all these things, we don't have to worry about life being boring.

Although we have had to cancel some of the planned conference meetings due to gas shortages, still our primary work with the church plant in Phokera has continued well. The bricks for their church building have been burned and the trench for the foundation has been dug. We are planning to finish laying the foundation this week. Lord willing, by next week we will start building the walls. Our core group appears to be growing spiritually as they continue discipleship lessons during the Sunday School hour, and we are continuing to have new visitors attend weekly. We are hoping to have the pastoral candidate for this church plant attend the Bible College when we open again in March.

In previous letters we asked for prayers concerning where the Lord would have us to start our next church plant. As we have prayed about this, we have felt that the Lord would have us to focus on a village called Nyamula. This village is located about 20-30 minutes south of our ministry compound here. We have three men from the Tengani church that are from this village and who are willing to assist us in starting a church there. We have been going soul winning there for about a month, and plan to continue going home to home throughout the village until the end of the year. Starting the beginning of next year, we plan on starting a salvation Bible study with the intent of starting a church from the group that attends. There is already much excitement in the village about us coming. We have seen quite a few people who have professed Christ as their Savior and many have told us that they will come when we start gathering. Pray for us to have wisdom and discernment as we lay the groundwork for starting a new church in this village.

Other things for you to consider as you pray for us: 1). The Bible college will be opening again in March and we are currently selecting which men will be able to come as well as gathering supplies and preparing the facilities for the arrival of the new students. 2). We are also being told that this year could be a very bad year for cyclones. Please pray for our safety and protection as this season approaches. Also pray that this weather will not hinder or interrupt our regular ministry operations here. 3). Another current concern is the situation in Mozambique. After their elections they have had severe and violent political unrest. So far this doesn't seem to have affected us here. Please pray that the Lord would continue to keep the problems related to this out of Malawi, so we can continue to minister without being hindered by these things. 4). Lastly please continue praying for our family. Jessica has had chronic coughing and asthma problems recently. She is currently on a course of medication, which seems to be helping. Everyone else is healthy and happy, and the Lord has continued to provide health and safety for us in answer to your prayers. Thank you for remembering us in prayer!

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