



# The *Curtis Family*

## Missionaries to Malawi, Africa September 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

Arriving in Malawi, the Lord blessed us by giving us a home and a ministry to step into. We knew coming that one of our top goals for the church the previous missionary started here in Tengani was to set things in a proper order and help them get a permanent pastor. Our desire is for them to be able to operate without a missionary. Things with this congregation have progressed well. We have workers that have been trained to work with the youth, and now we also have a man who has shown himself to be faithful and qualified to pastor. He graduated from the Bible college before we arrived, and we have had him working with us closely as we restructured the church. This past Sunday we publicly announced him as the assistant pastor with the goal that, Lord willing, in 3-6 months we will be able to ordain him as the pastor of this congregation. Please pray for this man as well as this congregation as we approach the time when they will become fully autonomous under the leadership of this new pastor. His name is Boniface Beka.

This ministry, Bible Baptist Africa Ministries, has about 40 churches associated with it. Some were started by the previous missionary others had associated themselves with his church planting ministry here during his time of service. Our desire is to strengthen and encourage these churches. One of the ways that we have done that is by having a few pastors at a time attend the Bible College. Another way is through special conferences where we can teach and preach on topics that will assist and strengthen these churches in operating according to the Bible. Recently we held our first conference here in the Thyolo area (about 4 hours from us). There aren't any decent hotels in this area, so the boys, Pastor Nelson, and I slept in a tent. I believe about 15 churches attended and around 400 people. We taught on church leadership qualifications, church membership qualifications, church discipline, and church music. It seemed to be an encouragement and help to them. Because we received an early shipment of New Testaments from Bearing Precious Seed, we were able to give a good New Testament to each adult that attended. Please pray for us as we will likely need to plan another two conferences in order to touch base with most of these churches.

We have seen a drop in attendance at the Phokera church lately due to some tending to their fields or doing other food related necessities. The church has seen progress though. The people have continued molding their bricks and only need to mold about 4,000 more. Lord willing, they will burn the bricks before I write the next prayer letter. We continue to witness to those who have been visiting the church and have seen a number of individuals profess the Lord as their Savior. One lady, named Stamele, has been attending since the very beginning - when we were meeting under a tree at the chief's house. Little did we know that she was a practicing witch doctor this entire time! When we sat down to witness to her, she indicated that she was ready to repent and trust Christ as her Savior! After she prayed to receive Christ, she asked, "So what am I supposed to do with all the witchcraft tools that I used before?" I shared with her the text in Acts 19:19 which says that, when they confessed Christ, they burned their witchcraft items. She said, "Okay! Let's burn them, but will you come with me when I do it?" We gladly accepted. As we walked to her house, people in the village were shouting and encouraging us. They seemed to know what was going on. At her home, we prayed, then sang hymns as she burned the tools of the devil that she had used. Lord willing we will be baptizing her at our next baptism.

As I mentioned, we received an early shipment from Bearing Precious Seed of New Testaments and KJV Bibles. Our desire is to go into the schools, preach, and give the students and teachers New Testaments and tracts. We had our first opportunity to do this at Mpatasa Secondary School on September 20th. This school is about 10 minutes from our house, but the kids come from different villages. We had between 300-400 students and teachers and were able to give each teacher a KJV Bible and each student a Chichewa New Testament. We were warmly welcomed and they were excited to receive this gift. When we finished the services, over 50 people indicated that they wanted to receive Christ as their Savior! The Principal told us we were welcome there any time. Please pray for the young people that professed Christ, and for us concerning this great privilege to preach in the schools as the Lord opens the doors!

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