



## MALAWI - MOZAMBIQUE

*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"  
Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### **GOD'S HEART FOR MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2006**

Praise God for His faithfulness and for your prayers. We want to be honest with you and share the dilemma we have been facing concerning the work in these two countries. We want to be completely obedient to the Lord but the needs are so great in these impoverished countries where the resources are nonexistent. We continue to trust God for the scope of this ministry. We know we cannot be driven by need alone but by what God wants to do at this particular time. The pastor coordinators are working with us for the glory of the Lord.

As we prayed to determine what God is doing in Malawi and Mozambique and how we can co-operate with Him in what He wants to do there, many invitations came to teach seminars and to minister to pastors, pastors' wives, and leaders. Also we were informed that the need for Bibles in these areas was so critical. One pastor wrote in an email that said, "Many pastors in Mozambique are preaching from Bible tracts because they do not have a Bible." "Most pastors do not have the opportunity to attend seminary or Bible school so they depend upon Bible conferences and seminars to help educate them." Because of our prior working in Malawi we have four pastors, denominational leaders, who have formed a National steering committee to organize in the different areas of Malawi and Mozambique. They will oversee district leaders as well. The districts in Malawi where we will be are Blyntyre and Chikwawa (Southern Region), Dowa (Central Region) and Dwangwa (Northern Region). In Mozambique we will be in the area of Angonia, TeTe.



Thankfully we will not have to fly to these areas after we arrive in Blantyre, Malawi. They are within 4 to 5 hours drive and we can go by car.

There will be five different seminars with each seminar lasting at least 3 days from 8am to 4pm. Because of the distance the people have to come, we will provide one meal each day. Each participant will be given a syllabus of Bible material in the language they use. We will send the materials on ahead to be translated into the Chichewa language which all regions will be able to use. When we arrive in Blantyre, we will photocopy study materials and purchase Bibles to be given to those without Bibles or who only have portions. One district has already had requests for 632 Bibles.

AS YOU CAN SEE THIS IS GOING TO BE A GOD-SIZED CHALLENGE BECAUSE THE NEEDS ARE SO GREAT.

#### WE CONTINUALLY CLAIM

*I THESSALONIANS 5:24  
"The one who calls you is faithful  
and He will do it."*

We saw God work in a miraculous way in Kenya and we believe He wants to do the same in Malawi and Mozambique.

#### AIRLINE TICKETS AND LODGING

By faith we will purchase two tickets to Malawi in the next few weeks. We plan on leaving around October 13<sup>th</sup> and return in late November. We will probably stay in Christian guest houses in Blantyre and Lilongwe but smaller national hotels in the outer regions. Please pray for us as we work out these details.

#### PLEA FOR HELP

Quote from Pastor Raphael Chikwakwa, "Our assessment of Malawi's needs is that the Gospel has been spread much wider through different crusades but the depth of the Faith in the lives of Christians is just two inches (deep).

There is so much need for discipling new converts and equipping the leadership with Bible truths. We thank you for your help in answering this need through seminars for both pastors and laity."

#### GOD'S HEART AND OUR'S

*Psalm 22:27, 28 "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations."*

#### TIME IS CRITICAL

There are only 6 weeks left until we leave and a lot of work to be done in that time. We covet your prayers for us and for the national steering committee working there.

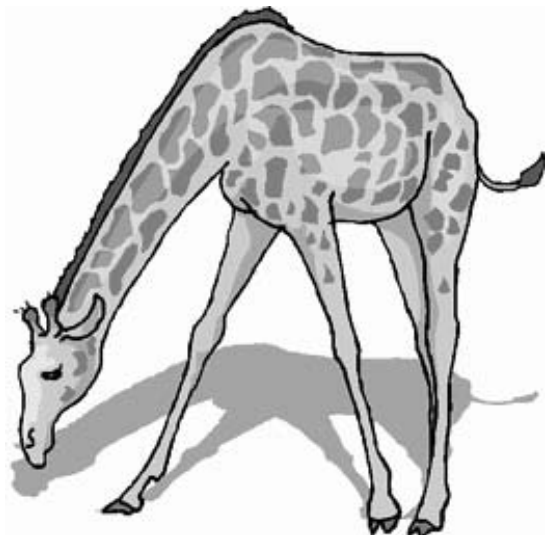
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Please pray with us for God's provision for Bibles and for Bible study materials for the seminars. Thank you for your faithful prayer support and for joining us in this ministry to the outer regions.

Last week we had the second Advisory Board meeting and we are very grateful for their godly support and wisdom.

#### OUR BURDEN AND OUR VISION

We invite you to join us in prayer for a heartbreaking problem all over Africa. Through the years we have seen the devastating effects of AIDS on the families, churches, and cultures of the countries of Africa. It is the adults who contract the disease either through immoral sex or through innocence and ignorance by exposure to an infected person. As terrible as the disease and death of HIV is, the most tragic effect is what it does to the innocent children. There are villages where the only living people left are either the children or the older grandparents. This means that children are often raising their younger siblings or the old people are left to parent the children. This is a problem because they neither have the health, resources, nor energy to raise the multitude of children.



In areas where there are churches, Christians are trying to take up some of the responsibility either by starting an orphanage or encouraging widows to parent the children. Most families now are raising not only their own children but also the children of their close relatives. We cannot relate the magnitude of this situation. While we were in Kenya there were 12 year old girls prostituting themselves for as little as 16 cents just so they can eat and help their younger brothers and sisters. What a travesty of all humanity to let such circumstances prevail when most of the world lives in ease. The African culture has had a custom of never mentioning sex in their families. There is a little sex education in the schools but not what it should be. We have developed a seminar titled, "What The Bible Says About Your Body, Sex, and HIV". We have begun teaching this and the pastors are so amazed at how the Bible honorably addresses the issues. We are exampling to them how to teach both their children and their churches God's plan which will protect them from AIDS. We teach "God's Family Plan" which gives them a vision of the beautiful design God created for the family.

God is opening eyes and hearts to the truth of the Word. We believe that God is the only true answer to help the people limit the spread of AIDS in their society. This has been proven true in Uganda where many of the young people are adopting the Scriptural guidelines for abstinence before marriage. We are also teaching against adultery because many are affected because of infidelity in marriage. This is just one of the seminars we are teaching. We need your prayers and support to spread God's Word. The Christians there need your help. When we were in Lilongwe, Malawi I became friends with a godly woman who had a teenage daughter who had AIDS. You cannot imagine the pain the whole family goes through watching their beautiful daughter die this painful death. I know that we cannot cure the AIDS pandemic in Africa but with God and His power to guide and help His people the least we can do is spread His love and His power.



One verse nags at our souls and therefore we must share His Word and teach the power of His Holy Spirit to overcome sin.

*Psalm 107:20*

*"He sent forth His Word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave."*

*Romans 6:14*

*"For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace."*

We believe that Jesus truly is the answer to all human need and with all we have as long as He keeps us going, we will proclaim Jesus and His living Word to the world. Thank you for joining us! We will get another prayer letter to you before we leave including specific times, dates, and request.

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