



# MALAWI

## Mission Update

### January 6, 2021



Greeting Everyone!

I pray you have all had a very blessed Christmas and a great start to the new year.

December was a very big and busy month. Many things happened in the different areas of ministry, and while Christmas added some busyness, the ministry kept going strong!



Sadly, we have been trying to contact Dave, the man we have been praying will accept Christ, who left with doctoring, but we have not been successful in getting ahold of him, and when we planned to meet with him, he did not show up.

If you remember the widow, Anaphiri, we were blessed to meet with her just before Christmas and make sure she had a blessed one.

Keep Chisomo, the student from Thyolo village, in your prayers. We invited him to spend a couple nights near the city here with us. It was his first time seeing the city. We pray he is motivated to study hard and keep praying faithfully. We had believed that his mother had managed to find the fees for

last semester, but we heard he was being chased from school. Limbani and I went to check on him and found him hopeless and with his bags packed. Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer. In the last update I wrote, we thanked those who had provided for the next semester's school fees, and those had come just in time to cover the balance of last semester and to begin paying for this semester. Continue praying that God will provide for his studies.



We praise God that we are arranging to very soon do some Bible training in Thyolo with our fellowship members there. We were originally planning to do this in December, but for the sake of people being free over Christmas, we decided it will be this month. Pray as we prepare the teachings and that the teachings will help firmly establish the church in Thekerani, Thyolo.

Here near home, the fellowship has been growing in great ways! Just today 5 people came to Christ!!! We now have not only youth meeting faithfully, but a few adults and about 30 children!!! We meet as a fellowship twice a week. Limbani preaches with the youth and adults and I take the children. Pray for me as I



prepare and speak lessons in Chichewa. I still struggle with the language, but God is proving Himself faithful. Where we think we are inadequate, He shows His power and strength. All He is looking for is a willing heart. Give Him a willing heart, and see amazing things happen around you.

The youth group has a very good group of faithful members who are growing in faith and understanding of the Christian walk. Limbani and I enjoy the youth and the potential we see there. We still have between 25-30 youth every week. We are thankful and encouraged by their devotion. We have youth cycling and walking from very far, and even in this rainy season, they keep coming. They often share with us how the lessons encourage them and how they can even see themselves growing in Christ. We were able to have a fun Christmas party with them, which they deeply enjoyed, and continue to plan more exciting events!



For youth group, we were able to start a weekly reading program! At Christmas time, Bibles were on sale!!!!!! Thank you so much if you contributed to this already, if you have not, a Bible can be purchased for \$10. We are encouraged to see youth reading the Bible every day and coming to youth group ready to recite the weekly memory verses!



Both fellowship meetings as well as youth group begin with prayer and sharing of concentrated juice and bread. We praise God for the many ways we can serve and share life with those partaking in the ministry.



As we enter the new year, an interesting aspect of life here can challenge us. Here, almost daily, you will find yourself sorting something..... and I don't just mean the laundry, shirts from the pants, or papers or the things we are used to sorting. Sorting here can bring a time for fellowship, or reflection if you are doing it alone.

We sort a lot of food.... beans, rice, leaves..... yes I said leaves....., and even some vegetables and nuts and flour by sieving. Thinking about sorting has made me realize two things.

1. If I sort my thoughts and words more, even taking longer to speak and act, I can make a bigger impact for Christ around me.
2. Don't let the useless things in life slow you down or distract you. Keep God your priority.

Thank you for your prayers. I also remember you all.

In Christ,  
Leslie

