



# MALAWI

## Mission Update

### September 1, 2022



Hello Everyone!

We are so thankful that our church building in Thekerani is finished! The church there continues to grow and they are all very excited about it. Pray that funds for benches or simple chairs will come so that they do not all have to sit on the floor, or that we do not have to rent chairs from the local school for larger activities.

We are continuing to pray for the timing and funds so that we can obtain land in all of our rural areas so we may build our own churches and not have to pay rent. We would also be able to have tubs or a means to baptize when we have our own church buildings in regions that are not near rivers, such as Bvumbwe and Goliat. Speaking of those places, please pray for growth in those branches and for the faithfulness of the members there.



*Our new church in Thekerani*



*Church service in our new church*

We are so blessed to have a new branch in Sochi. Navincha has been very busy, but we are so glad for his faithfulness. Because of his faithfulness we are excited to be able to keep growing the Kingdom as a ministry and be sure that new branches like this truly do have good roots!

The Bible study ministry group that meets at Navincha's house twice a week has been growing and going strong. We are so

happy to see men being faithful there. Navincha has been preaching and teaching with a focus on baptism in our branches this month and he was able to have a baptism there in Machinjiri.

The leadership conference was moved a couple weeks and is coming up soon. The schedule was pushed back so that our main youth boys, including Mack, Kelvin, and Chisomo Kandiado, could also attend during their school break. We really emphasize raising up the next generation and look forward to them being our future pastors in the next couple years. During the leadership conference, our Thekerani and Mozambique branches will have a group lunch and baptism! We are expecting many baptisms.

The food education went on very, very well! Thank you so much to all who were praying. God's greatest work truly is done through prayer. There were 47 people in attendance, and not all of them were church members! We are so excited to reach the community, also. The teacher did a wonderful job. He was



*The baptism in Machinkiri*

able to teach about better fertilizing, planting, pesticide, and trade techniques. The people were encouraged to branch out to more of a variety of crops, and were taught ways to help them succeed in growing them. The people were also encouraged not to sell everything they grow in order to buy corn flour to make the staple food, but were encouraged to make what they do grow their new staple food. This is what we believe to be truly an important key to stopping hunger! We are excited that the government agent who taught them these things lives right there among them and made himself available to help show them more farming techniques when the time comes! Pray for a good harvest next spring. Planting season is right around the corner!

**What a great God we serve!**

Thank you

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