



MALAWI

Mission Update

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Happy Greetings!!

Throughout the last half of April and the month of May, so many wonderful things happened.

We were able to have four outreaches. We had very successful evangelism trips to Mulanje, Ndirande, Nasawa, and Machinjiri. It is such a blessing to have people in the ministry that understand the heart of God for evangelism. No church plants happen without this important first step. Pray that many of these trips do grow and eventually produce church plants, as we keep up with the many who have a new-found interest in the Gospel.

The church in Machinjiri had a great time on a mountain trip. We love to see the churches taking initiative in prayer and worship, even to the point of climbing a mountain, to enjoy nature and eliminate distractions.

We are also excited to see our sport's ministry practicing up their soccer skills for when we are finally able to launch the ministry officially!

Our youth were able to visit a former member of our youth group in Bvumbwe. Sadly, after she graduated from high school, her parents found providing for her to be too much and pushed her into a marriage. We do not like to see this happening with our ministry members, but





sometimes do not have enough warning to do anything about it. This is a common problem in the villages. However, we were excited to be able to visit her, take her some groceries, encourage her, and even see her grandfather accept Christ as his Savior!

Our pastor from Thekerani was able to come and meet with Navitcha at his house for a week for some encouragement and a bit of one-on-one pastoral training. Limbani was able to have many phone calls with him and address different concerns and issues with him. He is persecuted a lot verbally in Thekerani because he is young and the villagers say he is lazy because instead of going around to find work every day, he makes sure he is at the church when needed or something is going on. We know God will reward

his faithfulness. How wonderful it is to prioritize our Maker and God!!!

One big reason our pastor was seeking some guidance and support was because he was preparing to be married! He wanted Navitcha to officiate the ministry's first wedding for him, and Limbani wanted to also offer some marriage counseling. The wedding took place on May 14 in our roughly reconstructed church building (if you remember, the hurricane blew it down, but some pieces were salvaged). The wedding was a hit! There were four chiefs there, and the place was overflowing, many had to peak in through the grass walls. Other churches sent choirs to liven up the place even more. There was so much joy. Our greatest joy, however, was that many people were astonished at the love of God they found there! Our church received new members that day, and it was truly a light to the surrounding area.



May 4 was our big cyclone relief program day! Everything went so amazingly. The hand of God was very evident. We sent a team of seven people along with Limbani's oldest brother and the flat bed truck full of goods. Off the main road, the truck struggled and the people walked an



hour and a half to reach the distribution location in Chiradzulu. But, the work of God is always, always worth it! We were able to distribute enough food to feed over a hundred people that are in that camp for about six weeks. Food included maize, beans, salt, sugar, oil, and two goats for meat. We distributed cups, plates, soap,



blankets, clothes, and traditional fabrics for the women. The people were very grateful. And the ministry members were humbled to see the mud-covered place that used to be a village and homes for these people, and the tents that they now



shared as temporary homes. We met brothers whose parents were washed away in the rains and landslides. The stories of these people truly are heartbreaking, but we have and serve a God who is close to the broken hearted. What a privilege it was to carry that message to them!

These people will need more help. We are preparing to buy enough rice to have a very large feeding program when the season of hunger comes back around at the end of the year. We are looking for people who are willing to



pray, and who are willing to donate. Always remember that even \$50 or \$100 can do very amazing things in Malawi. You can make tax-deductible donations on our website, listed below.

In Christ.

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