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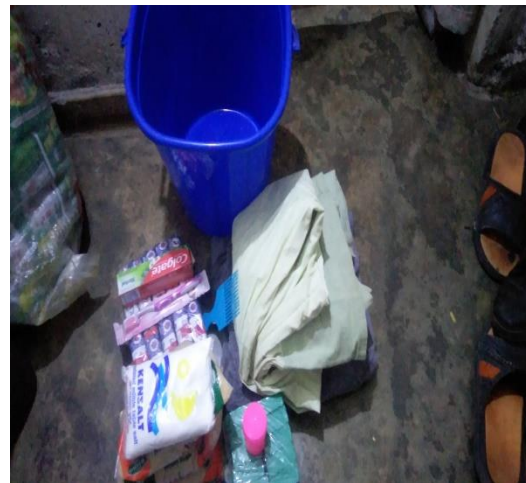
Mission Update

September 7, 2023



Joyous Greetings!!

We were so very excited to hear that Gloria was accepted into a school for the blind. She will be going to school this month!! This government school is free to the students, including room and board. Knowing she comes from extreme poverty, we are glad to provide her with basic necessities. This school is a vocational school. She will be assigned a personal caregiver to see that she can maneuver and become well-acquainted with her surroundings.



This month has had a very strong focus on discipleship. Now that most of our youth boys are out of school, including our sponsored student, Chisomo Kandiado, we were able to focus on officially establishing and developing our house of disciples. What is a disciple? It is a student! Whether we would like to admit it or not, we are all continuously students of something... whether it be of our spouse, parenting, cooking hacks, the latest trends or news feeds, but hopefully, we are first and foremost dedicated students of the Word and ways of God. Right now we have five young men enrolled as full time disciples. This program includes housing, food, basic needs, pastoral and ministerial training, and hands-on pastoral and ministerial practicals.



Their first outreach as disciples in this program was today!!! They went to a new area called Mayera in Zomba district. This was quite a journey, but they made it and had great success. We look forward to the many more programs and projects they will be carrying out.

The boys will also be responsible for new branches of the ministry, such as Mulanje. Please pray for a place for the church to meet there. We believe we have a promising lead, but have to secure it.



A hard part of discipleship is confrontation. Confrontation is usually not pleasant for either party, but is absolutely necessary for growth. It is never easy, and should not be taken lightly.... Confrontation is meant to lead us to repentance. Sometimes this means stepping down for a season, but other times it means saying goodbye. We are sad to say that we have learned that our pastor Navitcha is no longer our pastor. He has been asked to leave after being caught in many lies and deceptions. I do not at all say this to boast or slander, but to simply let you know you will not be hearing more of him, and that is why. However, our church in his home village of Thekerani will live on, and thrive, I believe, under the leadership of Pastor



Namasenda. This man is very humble and zealous to serve. We thank God for him, and for the way he cares for the sheep there. We were able to bless him with a bike and a phone to better equip him for service. He noticed that Gloria's house is not in good condition, and took a church team to repair it. Praise God for the fellowship and care of fellow



believers.

Pastor Victor in Malakai, Nsanje is doing very well. We know him because of Navitcha. Pray against confusion, and that he will remain faithful and truly keep the ministry going strong in Malakai. It has had an amazing beginning! The church there has consistently been having over 20 adults and youth. We are going to do a crusade there in two weeks, sending our boys there for support, as well as to help him establish a youth program!

Please pray for our leadership conference, happening next month. Pray that as preparations are made and lessons are finalized that God's will and hand would be evident in it all.



As we have this opportunity to reflect on discipleship, take a moment to assess yourself. What are you daily a student of? How seriously do you take your sin? Do you confront yourself before others have to? Is there someone that could benefit from your loving and humble guidance?

Thank you for all who have been praying. Remember, you can sign up as a prayer partner on our website.

In Christ.

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