

# MALAWI

## Mission Update

### January 12, 2024



Hello, Everyone,

We hope that you all have had a very wonderful and blessed Christmas. Christmas is such a wonderful time of joy and celebration as we remember the reason of our Savior's birth. It is hard to celebrate Christmas in the world's poorest country, where most do not have access to electricity and food is scarce, as hunger season intensifies.

We praise God we were able to have Christmas dinner with our members. The rice we purchased last May has truly been a blessing and played a key role.



**Bvumbwe**

Bvumbwe ministry is going on well. Pray for more growth and strength as Mack and Myson there are also responsible for the branch in Mulanje, and training upcoming disciples in evangelism. Our branch in Mulanje also continues to increase.



In Nsanje, we were very overjoyed to see the people willing and self-motivated to contribute and they got to eat meat for their combined Christmas/ New Year celebration.

## Nsanje



Along with meals, our churches practiced weekly fasting for the month of December, ending with a three day fast leading to New Year's overnight crossover prayers.

Chisomo and Joseph are serving in Nsanje. It is hot and dry... they sleep outside the house they rent, and frankly are not used to the climate or the language in that far south region. Pray for them. These young men are faithful and handling the ministry very well. It grows weekly. They are responsible for a lot! And, Joseph attends school, repeating grade 12. Pray for victory in living out unity and true brotherly love to always prevail, as they live far from any family. They were having to pay to charge their phone every time it got low, so as a surprise we were able to purchase a small solar system to help alleviate some of their issues.



Gloria has been very much enjoying school. On her Christmas break she was able to implement some of the skills she has been learning!!! To get to Thekerani, she took public transport all by herself. Imagine the freedom a little confidence can add to the life of a blind girl. Here is a picture of her going to the field with her mom and her hoe to cultivate all by herself. You will also see her receiving a phone. At school, she is also



learning to read braille, and she is most excited that soon she will be able to read the Bible for herself.

Keep her in your prayers.



In Thekerani, our church leaders have begun cooking twice weekly, as our food distribution has officially begun. We cook ten kilograms of rice into porridge in order to feed our growing congregation of about 70 members. Our aim is to feed



our members there, though we are aware food can draw people in a region of hunger. Pray for us, as managing such a project takes much wisdom. It is easy for people to grow greedy or take advantage. Pray against these spirits, and may the feeding program not enable their poverty, but instead promote a mindset change, as we have also asked them to be growing a mango grove. But, if I may disclose, it is easy for them to receive, and harder for them to be responsible of tasks. Pray for my dear Limbani, that he may remain strong and know how to handle such delicate, but oh so important, situations.



In Thekerani, and a little in Nsanje, also, we were able to distribute clothing, as well as blankets to some elderly widows for Christmas!! We desired to also distribute shoes and Bibles, but due to continued devaluation of the Malawi kwacha, our budget could not support it all. PRAISE GOD, we still did manage to buy four Bibles and a song book!! Pray that Bibles become more available at a reasonable price.

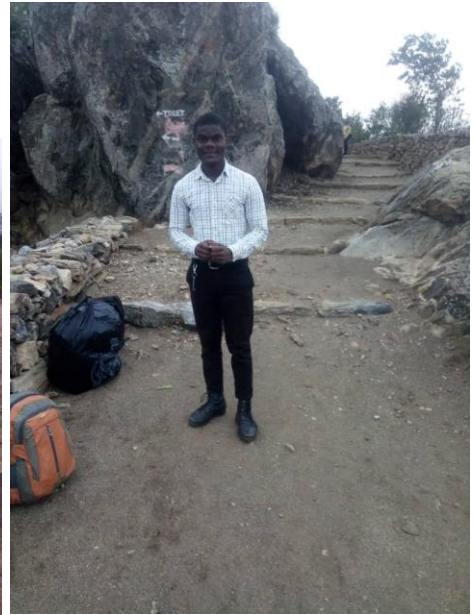


So sorry about the quality of the pictures, we buy the phones for our pastors, but cannot afford to buy top notch phones.... But you should see clothing piles and women receiving blankets.



In November, five of our young men, who are our pastors, were able to take a long and exciting trip to “the city” and have a leadership conference on the top of Bunda Mountain. Many people go to this mountain to fast and pray. Limbani himself has been there many times. The men truly and deeply enjoyed their time of learning, fellowship, prayer, and seeking God through fasting. They grew as a ministry unit and as individuals.

Pray for them as many of them do meet different forms of adversity and struggle both in ministry and in their personal responsibilities



A couple of days before Christmas, we were also able to distribute rice and a few other necessities to some of the needy and abandoned widows in Limbani's home village.



Praise God that He sees us... where we are. He knows what we need... even better than we do ourselves. And, He works... in ways bigger than we could ever imagine. Thanks to Limbani's brother-in-law, whom you see on the far right of the big picture, who helped with the in-person distribution. God truly is near. Lots of these projects require finances, which is a challenge, but we try to carefully stretch every support you generously give to reach many areas. We always appreciate all of your support. We pray for you always!

In Christ.

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