



# MALAWI

## Mission Update

### January 29, 2025



Blessings, Everyone,

Praying God surrounds you with so many evidences of His presence today!

The ministry has been going on well and smoothly.

Thekerani had an overnight that was successful. Pray for the people as hunger may grip hard this year, as it has in the past few years. We gave them a field to set up so they could plant the seed we provided and water it, but they did not take their work seriously. When they then asked for food handouts, we told them that we had been weaning them off of that program and were hoping to set them up for their own success by planting and caring for a field. A lot of mindset change needs to happen for poverty to be truly broken in the country... they like to depend on the wrong things. Pray our churches are able to be filled with faithful believers who truly are just hungry for more of God. That is what matters in life. Seek first the Kingdom, everything else is just a bonus! God is faithful and knows their needs, but we are not to enable the mindset of poverty among them anymore. It will not improve their lives.

Our pastor in Thekerani, Victor Namasenda, has been recently handling our branch in Nsanje, as the young man who was there (Joseph) was having trouble coping with the extreme heat in the region and has transferred to Bvumbwe. Then, the young man (Mack), who has been heading up Bvumbwe and Mulanje branches has gone to plumbing school. He does not have a sponsor and really no way to raise the fees, but he managed to pay for the first sessions of study. We encouraged him that if it comes to the point of coming home, do not be discouraged. Every opportunity can provide life-altering experience. God knows.

Gloria was also selected from the school she was studying at and has been able to go to another school for the blind that will teach her more. She is very excited.



While we are not doing food distribution in Thekerani this year, we have done one in Bvumbwe and one in Mulanje.



Rainy season has started, and we are blessed that it is raining consistently. One thousand banana trees are coming up well. We have a few hectares of cassava and peanuts as well as kidney beans and 10 hectares prepared for rice. We have sown the rice into nursery beds (pictured below) and it will soon be transplanted into the fields.



Lord willing, April 2 Limbani will be flying out for a little over five months to tend to the farm and ministry. Due to increasing violence and political unrest, we have decided that I will stay behind with the children. He has a very large list of things

he will be doing while on site in the country. For the farm, he will be handling hopefully the first 2 harvests, building another water tower, building structures for animals and purchasing the livestock. For the ministry, he will be driving to each location more than once. He will visit members homes and conduct services. He will hold a ministry wide conference and take the pastors to the mountain for their annual leadership conference. He plans to visit Gloria in school. He will also be overseeing the set up, Lord willing, of branches we have been trying to establish the last few months in Mayera, Malonje, and Lunzu. Pray for leaders for those churches. We have two young men who are willing to do ministry as lifestyle when the graduate high school this summer. He will be meeting and mentoring them.

Please know that a five month journey is first off long... pray for us as we will have an ocean between us and our hearts already ache because of this. Second of all, it is expensive. This is another reason it is not very reasonable for the whole family to travel at this point. The funding that would be available for us to live on will need to go to other necessities, especially as we do not yet have our house built there. We would love to be able to do donations where he goes, clothes for poor children, or items for the school where Gloria is, and our churches always need Bibles. All of these projects take money. You can feel free to donate and while donating, you can specify which project you like to support. Traveling to the villages can be a whole day of travel on roads that are more holey than a field and in a country where fuel has been scarce for many months, we are praying for God's provision, hoping that Limbani will be able to find a suitable vehicle to purchase.

It is important to us that we are able to answer any and all questions you may have about the ministry. Always feel free to reach out. Thank you so much for your constant prayer and support.

In Christ.

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