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EXPECTING & AFRICAN TRIP REPORT



IT'S A BOY!!! I know news travels fast, but in case you haven't heard the good news, Vicky and I are expecting a very special gift from God in the arrival of Daniel Joseph Christensen sometime near the end of September. From my perspective, this is a miracle and not just because I will be 70 in June. Due to my past medical history, my urologist had told me that my fathering a child "...is a long shot at best." Vicky and others, however, had experienced dreams that we would have another child. In addition, words of prophecy had been spoken over Vicky indicating that she would have a son. Shortly after Christmas, Vicky came to me and suggested we fast and pray. So we fasted and prayed, releasing God to give us a child, if it was His will for us. Counting back from how far along the doctor says she is, it appears that she became pregnant almost immediately after we finished our fast.

Because Vicky had a miscarriage a couple of years ago, we decided not to say anything to anyone until she was far enough along to be reasonably certain she would be able to maintain the pregnancy. We are both very excited although Vicky has been dealing with nausea almost every day. I gave Daniel Joseph his name a couple of weeks before we did the blood test to determine the sex of the child. I knew from the dreams and words spoken over Vicky and in my own spirit that, if God choose to give us a child this late in my life, it must be a son. Perhaps one day Daniel will carry on the work that we have been called to. Please pray that all goes well!

MUSLIM SHEIK COMES TO FAITH IN CHRIST — then his family!



Here is the report from Stephen Tambuli, one of our CTC directors in Malawi, Africa:
 "RevC: I travelled to Balaka and then to the village you and I went where we found people in the church waiting for us, singing and dancing, and praising the Lord. It's not an easy place to go to because the road is bad. You

preached powerfully, and the lord used you to lead people to the Christ. There were Muslims who were invited, but they did not all give their lives to the Lord instantly. A few days later, after serious conviction **Sheik Roben Malola** decided to surrender himself to church and received Christ. He told two of his three wives (numbered in previous photo) that he has received Christ and will only have one woman. (He kept the first wife and will care for the others until they remarry.) He is baptized and a committed member of Christian church where he is being discipled. This report has come late because of difficulties to get to the bush because of transport challenges."

The sheik's entire family has since come to faith in Christ. God is so good!



MALAWI REPORT: DAY 1

I left Tampa on a Saturday afternoon and arrived in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Sunday evening where I spent the night before flying on to Blantyre, Malawi, on Monday morning. Stephen Tambuli met me at the airport and escorted me to a hotel. He had found someone trying to sell a 2007 Toyota Hilux 4X4 pickup truck with a diesel engine and about 171,000 miles on it. The



owner was asking a little more than \$6,000 for the truck, and we knew it would need some work done on it. The person selling the car is the original buyer

and has had all the service done at the Toyota dealer. He gave us permission to use the truck to see how it performed and to have a mechanic look it over and give us a price for whatever he felt should be done to it to ensure it was in good working order. A special thank you to all who gave to help us purchase this vehicle. Just getting to where we went on the first day could not have

been possible in Stephen's small family car. This photo is an example of where the truck went on the way to the "Peanut Church"; and that was the easy part of the off-road adventure!



Before we went to the "Peanut Church" in Mbwana village, we drove to Balaka where we met with Pastor Paul Waluma in Chanthunya Village. If you remember, I have been there three times now. We saw many Muslims come to faith in Christ on our first two trips. The reason for this trip was to meet with Pastor Paul and give him the plans for the church we are helping him



build on land that he owns just outside the village. Pictured here with me is Paul standing on the spot where **New Hope Baptist Church** will sit. Stephen and Paul have been making

plans to send a couple of our CTC graduates from Blantyre to start a CTC program in the new church once it is established. We will build all four of the churches in Malawi and Mozambique according to the same plans we used for the "Peanut Church."

From there we again went to the "Peanut Church" as Stephen and our missionary friend Keyason had organized the showing of the Jesus film for those who had not seen it or who wanted to see it again. Most of the 240 in attendance were children and teens although there were about 40 adults as well! Because the film was in their language, they understood all that was portrayed during the one-hour version. After the movie, I took about 30 minutes and explained why Jesus needed to come and



why we needed to receive Him as our Savior and make Him Lord in our lives. Everyone, including the youngest children, was very attentive! When I gave them an opportunity to stand to receive Jesus, everyone stood to their feet and with strong voices repeated the sinner's prayer!!!! Keyason, the church's temporary pastor, was amazed at the response, and came forward and encouraged everyone to begin attending church each week. He will eventually hand over leadership of the church to one of our students who is completing his training.

Keyason (far right) introduced me to Dennis Lufani, a young ex-Muslim who came to faith in Christ about a year ago. He has been serving as the youth leader of a local mosque. Keyason had invited him to come and meet with me.



Dennis, who spoke very good English, is married and has children. His wife is still a practicing Muslim yet open to his new faith in Christ. I felt that Dennis realized that he was trying to live two lives and that doing so was becoming nearly impossible. I encouraged him that without faith we cannot please God. I explained that he was at a decision point in his life and needed to take that step of faith to remove himself completely from Islam, and trust God to provide for him as he was obedient to Christ. I pray that sharing my own testimony of giving up my teaching position in obedience to follow Christ would encourage him to do so. Please pray for Dennis and his family.

Once again, I have only begun my report and have run out of space. I am so indebted to each of you who stands with us and makes all this possible. I truly wish you could see and experience how awesome and faithful our wonderful God is, to see the joy and excitement on the faces of these pastors who could only dream of someday having a church. Yet now seeing it becoming a reality and to hear 240+ people saying the sinner's prayer, is beyond my words. I am humbled! Please know you are always in my prayers and that we appreciate and count on your faithful support. We stand in need of project support help, if you are able to do anything extra beyond your regular support. Thank you & Blessings!
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