

INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC. REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS by RevC October 2018 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! AFRICA CHURCH BUILDING UPDATES



There is so much going on in our lives right now that it is a bit overwhelming. As you read this newsletter, Daniel Joseph will have joined our family. Be sure to check the November newsletter for photos of our joyous celebration of a precious miracle gift from God.

As most of you know, I have been working on replacing copyright materials in our curriculum while at home trying to help take care of Vicky, Sarah, and my mother. Vicky is at the stage of being able to do very little on her feet. To further complicate things, I mistakenly allowed myself to be talked into becoming a "director at large" on the board of directors for our homeowner's association (HOA). I was told there would be nothing for me to do but give my input at board meetings. In a matter of weeks, I was asked to be vice-president after the person holding that office resigned, again being told there would be little to do because the president does almost everything. Yes, you guessed it! I think it was less than a month later that the president resigned! The president's friend, the association secretary, told me she wanted to resign, too, as soon as I could find a replacement.

So now I am president of a 115-unit HOA. Fortunately, the treasurer has continued with me, and we have been able to enlist two additional board members. At this point, we are only short one member. If I wasn't confident that God was directing my steps and that He has a purpose for me being in this position, I would gladly give it to anyone who would take it. It is definitely not what I signed on for! That's often the way it is in foreign mission's ministry. God often does not show us what is in the future because He wants us to walk by faith one step at a time, trusting in and leaning on Him for whatever is needed to accomplish His will in each situation. Serving on the board as a volunteer for my HOA is not how I wanted to be spending my time! But I have that feeling that God is going to do something special through it that I can't see at the moment. Please pray and release God to have His way in each situation and that my being in this place of service will somehow honor and glorify Him. There are many in this community who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. This is another mission field,

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only I don't have to travel 24+ hours to get there! Undoubtedly, there is a similar mission field in your neighborhood!

Vicky's parents are planning to come and stay with us on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and remain until after Thanksgiving to help Vicky with Daniel. Shortly after Daniel is born, my mother plans to visit my brothers in Texas. Once I know everything is fine for me to travel, I will most likely return to Malawi and Mozambique to see the progress on the four churches and dedicate those that are finished.

Stephen, our CTC director in Malawi, recently sent me some updated photos:

Pastor Moses Chikuta's church in Dedza, Malawi and the new home of the CTC program in Dedza. In my last communication with Pastor, he shared that they were looking to begin a new CTC program in Lilongwe, the



capital of Malawi. Pastor Paul Waluma's new church in Kankawo village.



I first spoke to a group of Muslims where Pastor Paul's new church is now located and many came to faith in Christ! Stephen sent

additional photos of evangelism efforts that are taking place in Chingale village about 40 km away. Their first effort was to



show the Jesus film, using the projector that your giving helped me purchase. The next day, they shared the gospel with villagers gathered on the hillside. This ef-





You're looking at the back of the sheet screen. The audience is on the other side of the - sheet.

fort in part was made possible because of the fourwheel drive truck we purchased for Stephen — in the background. One can almost picture Jesus teaching. Thank you!

This latest photo of Pastor Willy Maluwa's new church



in Thekelani village is one of the most difficult places to reach that I have ever been to. They are behind the other churches in their building due to heavy rains in that area. The road to this location stops about a quarter mile back and everything must be carried up a fairly steep hill to this location.

The fourth church that we are helping to build is in the neighboring country of Mozambique, in Tete town. Pastor Samuel Mtaula wrote to us asking permission, due to the continued growth of the congregation, to expand the building. This is the artist's rendering of the church expansion. He said that the funds we provided encouraged his elders to commit enough additional funds to increase the size and upgrade the appearance. The building we initially were planning for was 30' x 60' with a front entrance, sheet metal roof, and cement floor. This new building will be 82' x 143'. Their church is already experiencing tremendous growth, with



people standing outside the current tentlike structure that stands in front of the home that Pastor rents for his family's place of residence. They are projecting, at their current rate

of growth, that the congregation may reach nearly 1500 by Christmas. In one of their recent services, 105 new decisions were made for Jesus, with baptism in water

following. Pastor Nick Panico's New Hope Church in Palm Harbor, Florida, funded the seed





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