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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
MALAWI UPDATE



I want to thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement as we are transitioning to our new location in Land O' Lakes. This has been one of the hardest things I have done in my life. The trip to Botswana was difficult enough, mostly due to Delta airlines (bad enough that they decided to refund my ticket—PTL!). Then to have to relocate within 24 hours of arriving home was—well, a miracle undertaking. We began remodeling a day later, tearing down, moving, and putting up walls, removing the kitchen and trying to carry on life amidst a coat of white drywall dust that literally covered everything.

As I write this newsletter, Vicky, Daniel, and I are finishing a mission conference with Missionary Ventures. Though we have made great progress in the remodeling, it was nice to just get away from it for a couple of days and focus attention on our calling and the fantastic folks that make up MVI. We are blessed to serve with such a wonderful group of fellow-servants and listen to testimonies of the great things God is doing worldwide. It has given me a renewed desire to do even more in 2023. The theme of our time together has been "Accelerate." God willing, I am believing Him to accelerate our ability to train more leaders, start more new CTC programs, build more churches, baptize more new believers, feed more hungry people, reach more unreached people with the gospel and expand our effectiveness in everything. This will require more from all of us as the time of His return grows closer by the minute. Together we can make a HUGE difference!

Prayerfully, all the remodeling of our house should be finished by the end of February, and I can once again focus on the ministry. There are several things which we have opportunity to do that will accelerate our outreach to the unreached and move God's Kingdom forward.

OPPORTUNITY #1

Before I share the opportunities, a big **THANK YOU** to all of you who shared in the funding of the new church building for Pastor Willo in Malawi. The funds have been released for them to begin construction. I will keep you posted on their progress.

I also promised to give you an update on the church in Portoviejo,

Ecuador, for Pastor Francisco and Vanessa. Pastor Francisco used funds from his employment to paint both



the interior and exterior of the church then lost his job due to a change of administration. Here are some photos of the church so far: The church has **five** families, each family having donated enough money to purchase one chair for the church. Because the church roof is sheet metal, it is very hot inside. They need to put up a grid and ceiling tiles to create a space for the heat between



the roof and the people. It would also help them to have a couple of fans to move the air around. We estimate that they need approximately **\$1,500** to complete the project. If you wish to help, please mark your check for Pastor Francisco! Thank you in advance!!

OPPORTUNITY #2

As I mentioned before, Stephen Tambuli, our CTC and church building director for Malawi, and his wife want to evangelize the villages on the far side of Lake Malawi. This lake is large enough that you cannot see the other side from the shoreline. There are several areas that have not been evangelized and are steeped in witchcraft and other false beliefs. They are asking for help in reaching these areas that are only accessible by boat. After a trip to investigate the situation, pastor Stephen wrote:

"Rev, I promise you this project is worthy. I am crying every day in prayer for these people at Cobwe to know Christ. The first time they were asked if they have heard the name Jesus. They asked if Jesus is a new solar powered lantern brand which is being introduced in Malawi. These people need the gospel and discipleship. Once the work is established. I will start the CTC program to raise up more



indigenous missionaries to carry on with the work. It's my daily prayer that God will make funds available to get us going to minister to these lost souls."

Stephen is asking for help to purchase a newly built wooden boat and motor strong enough to handle the rough water that one often experiences in crossing to the other side. Here is a photo of a new boat under construction and an older boat and motor to give you a good feel for what is needed. The cost for this project is **\$10,000**. Stephen has a safe place to keep the boat when not in use.

The people groups that Stephen is wanting to reach are the Cobwe, Mataka and Chikaya people. Let's help Stephen and his wife, Maria, get there so we can make a difference to the glory of God! Mark your gift of support **"BOAT."**

OPPORTUNITY #3

In the fall, I received an urgent plea from Stephen as once again there were people going hungry due to weather issues. There was not sufficient time for me to put a plea out for help so I decided to

send some funds that were available at the time, hoping that it would meet the present need. Stephen sent photos and told us that many families were sustained through the difficult time. Here is part of his response: **“Rev, the villagers in Balaka are so thankful for the food they got from**



the support. The orphan children and their guardians totaling 50 got their mealie meal for porridge and stiff pap which is a staple food. Thank you so much for the support.”



Hunger seems to be a recurring problem for Malawi which is perhaps the poorest country in Africa. I think it might be a good idea to establish a fund account to help feed those who might find themselves in a similar situation. That way, we can have access to funds for food when a need arises so we can make a difference before it's too late. If that speaks to your heart, as God prompts you just label your gifts **“feed the hungry”** and I will establish an account to do so.

OPPORTUNITY #4

Recently, Stephen contacted me concerning another CTC gradu-



ate, Pastor Raphael, who graduated in 2021 at Jali. Stephen said, **“He went to his home village and planted a church after doing much evangelistic work to bring the lost into the Kingdom of God. He is currently doing a discipleship program in his new church and also training women and other young men to become effective leaders. He is very diligent and the CTC training has equipped him to do great things in his village.”** Here is a photo of the work Raphael has pioneered. I would like to see us

help him with a building as well. **\$10,000** will cover the expense!

OPPORTUNITY #5

I realize that together we have already built several churches. It seems like almost every month we hear of another report where a church has been planted by one of our CTC graduates and they need a building. I did not consider in the beginning of this ministry that this would be an ongoing byproduct of training laborers for the harvest. However, it seems to be a wonderful challenge to face as it is a win - win situation for advancing the Kingdom of God! The buildings, which sometimes serve more than one purpose, are often among the best in the area. Most of them have been 30 ft. X 60 ft. with fired brick or block walls and window openings, a sheet metal roof, and cement floor. We invest \$10,000 and the building becomes a church, often a CTC location, or a village school building and meeting place. It impacts the whole village in a very positive way and is a strong testimony of God's love for people.

Those of you who have followed our ministry for several years may also realize that I seldom ask for support for CTC students. That is because when there were many fewer students, we were doing much more to help fund their training, the teachers, and facilities. We now have about 1400 or more at any given time. In the past, I tried to raise \$500 to \$600 per student to cover their training. Today, that would mean \$700,000 to \$840,000 every couple of years which does not seem as reasonable for me. I do not doubt that God could supply the need, but I have felt that it was better to help support the directors that were overseeing several CTC programs and allow the local programs to distribute their cost among the students with the caveat that no student should be turned away for lack of finances. Such students should be given opportunity to exchange time in service for tuition. This approach has allowed me to lower our overhead while still supporting schools where students are housed and fed for the period of their training. Thus, we still support schools such as those in India and The Philippines that house students and four directors and their families who oversee multiple CTC locations. This has also allowed me to provide more opportunities for you to make a difference in other ways. However, we always need support for the CTC students we do sponsor. Anytime you can help with that just put **“STUDENTS”** on your check memo line.

Here are five ways you can make a difference for the glory of our Lord. We always try our best to honor your preferences for designated giving. However, there are rare times when excess comes in or a need changes. In those situations, we reserve the right to allocate the funds to another project. Project dollars always go to projects and as much as possible to one of a similar nature (with the exception that at times when our administration account is low we deduct a small percentage to help fund our operating expenses). We personally help to support the admin account each month. Naturally, we also hope you will consider our personal support in your prayer time as well. It is your faithful response that makes everything happen. Thank you for being faithful and let's believe God together to accelerate our ministry effectiveness in serving others throughout the next eleven months. May God multiply blessings to you, keep you in strength and health, make His face to shine abundantly upon you, and overwhelm you with His peace and love. Blessings!! Please pray for our students and their instructors around the world!
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