



January 2023

I pray that you are doing well and have enjoyed some time of praise for our Savior's birth and thanksgiving for all He has done this year. I can reflect back through this past year and recall some pretty amazing ways the Lord has been working in my life and in the ministries in Malawi.



Speaking at a missions conference

I have been in the USA since July, and it has been a time full of travels as well as seeing many family members, friends, and ministry partners. It was great to meet so many who are new to me as well as to catch up with many I have not seen in years. We know the Body of Christ is vast and it is always an honor to meet members of the

Body around the world and throughout the US during these visits. As always, it is a joy to travel to many of the church mission conferences along with other missionaries who are also serving around the world. Along the way, I was privileged to see some amazing parts of God's creation in this country as well! By the time I return to Malawi I will have visited more than 20 of the states plus Canada! I am thankful for safe travels as well as wonderful times of fellowship with so many of you.



October Youth Conference



July Youth Conference

In Malawi, we ran our first 2022 Youth Conference over Easter, and it went really well. I was quite hands on during that conference but with my trip to the US, I knew it was necessary to train our team to not only do what they had done over Easter but also to fill in the jobs that I had done. I am thankful to report that we were able to do a training with a team of Malawian youth teachers in June whom I left behind to run conferences in

different regions of Malawi. I am thankful for each one of them who came and learned. But even more thankful for the great reports I received of successful youth conferences that they led in July and in October!



Youth Conference Staff Training

The Youth in the two areas where the conferences were held were super excited about the event, the teaching, and the fellowship. At the first conference in July, the youth were so excited after the first day that they asked the leaders to extend the event for another day. The leadership knew that it would require more preparation to add another day due to lessons, games, and food logistics. They encouraged them to plan and prepare for a longer conference next year!

Some of our other zone leaders have held meetings and are already making plans and preparations toward conferences in 2023. Not only is this a great tool for spiritual growth but also a great leadership training opportunity. I pray that we can continue to hold such events each year.

I head back to Malawi in January. We are already planning another meeting with our regional leaders for February. There will be many more classes, trainings, and curricula to develop upon my return. It seems that the opportunities are many,

I pray for wisdom to know which areas to focus on as I return. I hope to also refresh my Chichewa which has not been used much while I was in the US!

Thanks so much for all your prayers and encouragement. May 2023 be full of many opportunities to serve the Lord for each and every one of us!

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10

In Him,
Brook



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