

A WORD FROM THE LLOYDS

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Greetings from Malawi!

What a strange year this has been! In the midst of COVID-19, Malawi had new elections in June as a result of the constitution court ruling. Malawi elected a new president, and the results are not being challenged this time. This has resulted in a new sense of hope among the people and the violence and protests of the past year have subsided. Malawi had stayed relatively untouched by COVID-19, until a new wave of cases started in late December. This was triggered by thousands of Malawians repatriating from South Africa due to the problems there and bringing a new strain to Malawi.

Titus continues to meet with the Lilongwe pastors on a regular basis, studying with them, and encouraging them. They are currently working through the book of 2 Timothy. He also had the opportunity to teach Computer 1 to our Level 1 English-speaking Malawi Grace Bible School students. He also continues to work to get all of our Bible school courses translated into Chichewa.

Titus and Matthew set up a new computer lab for African Bible College. The freshman students are required to take a typing course and the computers they had been using were over 13 years old and were becoming unrepairable. This job also required redoing the network wiring, so Matthew is now an expert at making Ethernet patch cables!

Kristy had been busy with homeschooling Zech, Matt, Maggie, and Caleb. While COVID has not had an impact on most of homeschooling, there are a couple classes the kids were doing in a co-op with others in Lilongwe. When these families decided to take a repatriation flight back to different parts of the USA, these co-op classes had to move to distance learning. It was quite the challenge to coordinate the classes for three different time zones!

This past year Kristy has taken on the challenge of teaching English composition to our Lilongwe Bible school students. It has been difficult, she has learned a lot, and she has gained a better understanding of how Malawians understand and interpret English. She



The Lloyd family



Kristy working with her English Composition students

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Matthew with the completed computer lab



Zech and Blessings Bandah playing a game during their Saturday morning children's program

started with the Level 3 students and is now teaching the Level 1 and 2 students after some tweaks to the class. Kristy has also been busy tutoring one of our coworker's kids.

Zech continues to work with the children at our Area 23 church. He and Blessings Bandah lead a Saturday morning program with them and Zech leads Children's Church every other Sunday. Kristy and Maggie have started coming along to teach crochet to Irene and Patricia Bandah.

Titus's parents came to visit during the month of December. It was a real blessing to have them here to

be able to see our ministry work firsthand. We also had the opportunity to take them to see some of our favorite places in Malawi. It was great for the kids to have grandparents here to spend time with!

Please continue to pray for peace in Malawi as we also pray for peace in the United States. We pray the same prayer that Paul urged Timothy to pray, that we can live a quiet and peaceable life and continue to have opportunities to minister and share the gospel.

In His grace,

Titus, Kristy, Zech, Matt, Maggie, and Caleb



The Level One Malawi Grace Bible School students taking Titus's computer course

1 Timothy 2:1—I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. (KJV)