

A WORD FROM THE LLOYDS

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Muli bwanji? (How are you?) Tili bwino! (We are doing well!)

In spite of the world that seems to have gone crazy, God is still faithful! Life and ministry in Malawi are continuing in spite of the challenges presented by Covid-19 and difficulties that plague the country.

In May, Kristy successfully completed teaching an English Composition class to our level-one Bible school students. In the process of teaching our Bible school students English composition, Kristy saw the need to revamp and expand our school library. She found that many of our books were in poor condition due to dust and termite damage. She also discovered that we had many more books stored in trunks due to lack of space to store them on the shelves.

Kristy has already logged all of the books that we currently have to an online database and has begun the process of covering and labeling the books using the dewey decimal system. She has written a project in the 2021 Christmas Catalog to help raise funds to complete this project.

Kristy has also been working with a few of the ladies at our local congregation in area 23, teaching them to crochet on Saturday mornings while Zech helps with the children's ministry. She was asked to teach a craft to the ladies during their central zone women's conference. She declined to teach at the conference but instead trained the zone women's director how to teach the craft. This is part of our strategy to empower the local leaders and keep the focus away from the azungu (white people).

In August our employment permit was finally approved! We had applied in October 2020 and had been staying in the country with an expired permit while we waited for the new one to be approved (unfortunately, this is a common problem for foreigners). This was a big relief and has given us the freedom to travel outside of Lilongwe without the fear of arrest by immigration officials.

Titus finished his computer classes at African Bible College just in time to start a new set of classes. He normally teaches his classes a semester apart, but because of Covid messing up the schedule last year, he is teaching back to back. This year he is also teaching the high school students at ABC Christian Academy an IT/Robotics class. Teaching at the academy is a great opportunity to witness, as many of the students come



Ladies craft - Kristy taught the zone women's director how to teach the craft



Roadside repair - the mechanic fixed the alternator on the side of the road!



Titus' ABC class

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Trunk of books for the school library

from Muslim, Hindu, and other non-Christian backgrounds. He is also leading the worship time during chapel, where he makes sure to choose songs with gospel-centered lyrics. Titus recently had the privilege to lead worship during a good friend's wedding as well. We pray that Chris and Towera will continue to serve God as a couple.

We have a continual need for new Bible school classes to be translated into Chichewa, as we are continuing to open new branches of Malawi Grace Bible School in different areas in Malawi. Our goal is to have a complete three-level program in Chichewa. If you would like to help support this project, click on Projects at www.gracem.org and search for Malawi Translation Project.

We recently planned a short camping getaway with some friends over the Mother's Day holiday (Mother's Day is celebrated on October 15 in Malawi.) Our van started displaying warning lights on our way out of town and soon stopped altogether. After checking some things, it seemed that our alternator had failed and now our battery was drained. We phoned our faithful mechanic, Richard, and he came to our rescue. He was able to remove the alternator, repair it with parts from a used one, and get us back on the road. Only in Africa can you get your alternator rebuilt and reinstalled along the side of the road! (picture on front page)



Our good friend's wedding where Titus led the worship

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please continue to pray for our family and our ministry in Malawi.
- Pray that the freedom to share the gospel of the grace of God will continue unhindered.
- Please pray for Zech and Matthew as they make decisions about college (next year for Zech!)
- Pray for Maggie and Caleb as they continue with their schooling.

In His grace,
Titus, Kristy, Zech, Matt, Maggie & Caleb

Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.