

# A WORD FROM THE LLOYDS

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Greetings from Malawi!

Malawi has been facing a number of economic challenges as a country. The loss of one third of its power-generating capacity due to the hurricanes at the beginning of the year was just the start. One of the struggles Malawi faces is a lack of foreign currency. In order to import fuel and goods into Malawi, they need to pay in the currency of the country from which the goods come. Malawi's main source of foreign currency is the export of tobacco, which has been declining the past several years. In May, The Reserve Bank devalued the currency by 25% in an attempt to correct some of the challenges. This triggered an increase in the cost of goods across the board. This includes the cost of both gasoline and diesel fuel,



One example of people waiting in line for fuel

of which the country is currently experiencing a shortage. Therefore, getting fuel for our vehicles or generators means waiting in lines for hours sometimes. When we can find fuel it costs around \$8.50 a

gallon. One benefit is that we walk whenever possible so we get more exercise!

In April, the ABC Stingrays, the swim team that Matthew, Maggie, and Caleb are a part of, participated in a Swim for Malaria. They raised almost \$2,000 towards buying mosquito nets and Bibles for a local ministry that shares the Gospel in a local community and ministers to vulnerable households. In May they were able to go and visit the ministry and distribute the Bibles and nets in person to the students and families.

Titus had the opportunity to teach at the Grace Church in Malawi Pastors' conference in July this year. He and Bill Vinton took on the majority of the teaching, covering many topics including the revelation of the Mystery of Christ and the Holy Spirit. We had nearly 50 pastors from affiliated churches all over Malawi in attendance.

Early one morning, during the Pastors' conference, we were shocked to learn of the

sudden death of Dr. Paul Chinchon, the president of Africa Bible Colleges. He was only 58 years old. Please pray for peace and comfort for his wife Laura and their five children. Please pray for the board of African

Bible Colleges as they seek a replacement for someone to cover the many roles Dr. Chinchon filled.



The swim team visiting Nyenyezi ministry

Last school year, Titus taught the high school students at ABC Christian Academy a course on Information Technology and Robotics. It was a great opportunity to engage with the students and help them think through how they use technology and some of the consequences that can come from its misuse. He continues to lead a time for worship during the weekly upper-school chapel. This semester he is training with another teacher in some of his support roles so that he can maintain things while we are away on home assignment during 2023.

Titus has been teaching computer keyboarding to our level two Malawi Grace Bible School students. He noticed a need for this kind of class while teaching his other computer courses. Our hope is that this will

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make the students more productive using a computer, which will make them more likely to use a computer when preparing for ministry programs.

Titus continues to meet with the local leaders in Lilongwe where they



*Titus leading at the Pastor's conference*

are currently studying the book of 1 Thessalonians. He also serves as an advisor on the Theology committee where he is in charge of managing translation for the Bible school program. We are still in need of funds to pay for the translation work. If you would like to help towards this project you can find it on the GMI website ([www.gracem.org](http://www.gracem.org)) under the "Projects" tab - Malawi Translation Project.

Kristy has been working hard to help set classes for our Lilongwe homeschool co-op. She is teaching the elementary classes for this first semester while training some of the other moms to take over after we leave for home assignment in December. We have a house full of elementary kids every Friday! She is also teaching art for the first semes-

ter for the Jr. High and High school age kids. She has learned that grading a weekly class of artwork is very time consuming! Kristy has resumed tutoring one of our teammate's kids as well.

Kristy is also working on covering books for her Malawi Grace Bible School library project. She is hoping to leave behind a functional library before we leave for home assignment, but we still need more funding in order to build the bookshelves. You can give to this project at the GMI website under the Malawi Library project link after clicking on the "Projects" tab.

In our last update we mentioned that Zech was applying to African Bible College in pursuit of a degree in Mass Communications. Not only was he accepted, he has moved into the dorms and started classes. He has quickly made some new friends and is adjusting to life away from home (even if home is only a five-minute walk away!). He is being challenged by students coming from different denominational backgrounds and has been engaging other students in theological debates. Pray for him as we are praying for him while he adjusts to a different way of life and he continues to stand for the truth.

After the semester closes in December, we will be traveling back to the USA for a one-year home assignment. This will be a big transition for our family as Zech will be with

us until the end of January, but then will be flying back to Malawi for school. Matthew plans to stay in the USA to attend college, so he is saying goodbye to friends and Malawi for the foreseeable future. Please pray for our family as we navigate these changes and prepare for a year away from home. Pray we can minister the truth as we visit our families, supporters and churches.



*Zech on his first day of freshman orientation*

In His grace,

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

*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

1Timothy 2:4



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