

# A Word from the Lloyds

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Greetings from the Warm Heart of Africa,

This year has presented opportunities to see fruit from our ministry in Malawi. One of Titus' students, Sam Shaba, who graduated from African Bible College in 2014, recently came to visit. He has recorded his first album, "The African Way." Sam has been a friend of the family for a long time; in addition to being one of Titus' students, he also worked with Titus to lead worship at International Bible Fellowship Church. Sam is the one who taught Titus most of the Chichewa songs he knows. It is exciting to see Sam accomplishing his dream of becoming a Christian music artist.

In March, Matthew and Zechariah competed at the Malawi National Swim Championships in Blantyre. This gave us an opportunity to visit with ABC graduates Clifford and Kholiwe Kuyokwa. Clifford is the Executive Director of the Stéphanos Foundation which is an NGO from the Netherlands that has been working with orphans in Malawi for 18 years. Clifford is the first Malawian director. Kholiwe is using her Christian education degree to teach at the primary school located on the Stéphanos compound. It is great to see this couple applying the training they have received to help the less fortunate. In April, Titus worked with Michelle Clark

from Action Ministries to facilitate a permaculture-training program for five of our Malawian leaders. We had three from the southern region and two from the central region attend the training. Permaculture is a sustainable way of growing food. It promotes natural ways of farming that avoid expensive fertilizers. One of the major needs of Malawians during planting season is money for fertilizer. Many will take out loans to buy it in hopes that the harvest will be good enough to pay back the loan. Our hope is that this kind of training will help the members of our churches to be more self-sufficient.

We are happy to report that after graduating from African Bible College in June Givemore Nyakambiri and his wife Sylvia will be joining our team as missionary partners. They will be working alongside us in Malawi for the next couple of years. We have known Givemore and Sylvia since our time in Zambia. They lived in a house on the same property that we did. Givemore worked with Titus starting and running the Internet Café in Kabwe. We look forward to visiting churches with them in the Pacific Northwest this fall when we are on home assignment.

A computer course was added to the Grace Church in Malawi Bible School



Titus with one of his Intro to Computer classes

curriculum this year. Titus is teaching this course to the students attending the Lilongwe Bible School classes in English. This course will also need to be translated into Chichewa and he will need to obtain some portable equipment to be able to teach this course outside of Lilongwe.

In addition to seeing fruit, there have also been some struggles. The last several months have been a difficult time with regard to the ministry and our leadership. One of the most difficult was the need to remove some of our key leaders from leadership roles for integrity and morality issues. Titus was close to both of them and had worked with them for years. One has responded well, the other very badly. This made working in the ministry more difficult and has slowed the progress in several areas including translation. In



Zech at church on Easter Sunday



Matt swimming at Malawi Nationals



Maggie and her friends on Easter Sunday

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*Maggie with Clifford and Kholiwe*

rains. This year rain has been abundant in much of the country, except for the very southern regions where we do have a few churches. The good rains this year should lead to a bountiful harvest and well and improved water and electricity supply.

School, both for Titus at ABC and for the rest of the family at home, will finish in about five weeks. It will be a busy time of wrapping things up and starting to say "see you later"! Kristy has already begun to sort and think through packing, but this will become a priority after school is finished. This is a time of mixed emotions for the whole family. We are closing up one home with all our familiar things and preparing to move to a new home with only the familiar things we can carry in our luggage. We will be landing on US soil on July 25.

response to this, Titus has changed his mentoring program to include some additional pastors and leaders in the Lilongwe area. They are currently studying the book of Titus and discussing the traits of godly leaders.

In our last letter we mentioned the issues of corruption with which we were struggling. We were finally able to get the paperwork for our car sorted out! Three years after buying it, we were finally issued a LEGAL title in our name!

We also asked you to pray for the people of Malawi, specifically in regard to the

Even while we are in the USA, Titus will continue to facilitate ministry as much as possible. He has been working to put systems in place and train people to assist him while we are on home assignment. He will still be involved in managing and maintaining many of his systems from afar. He will continue working with translation via email.

We look forward to seeing many of you during this next year on home assignment as we attend various missions conferences.



*Caleb with Clifford and Kholiwe's daughter Joy*

Here are some things you can pray for:

1. Please pray for our transition to the USA for home assignment. Even though we call it "home assignment," Malawi has become home especially for the kids.
2. Please pray for our ministries to continue in our absence.
3. Pray for Mercy Mango and the family as they travel to Zambia in preparation to have their third child.

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



*A visit from Sam Shaba*



*Computer class with Grace Church in Malawi Bible School students*



*Learning how to compost - a part of permaculture training*

**"As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is a word from a far country."  
Proverbs 25:25**