



The Curtis Family

Missionaries to Malawi, Africa January 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

The month of December is always busy here as the Lord gives us many ministry opportunities that happen only once a year. We put together small gift bags with John and Romans and tracts for the local prison and hospital. Then we take them and preach the Gospel in each ward of the hospital as well as to the whole prison. We had a good response with a number of souls choosing to trust the Lord as their Savior at both locations. Lord willing we will see a number of these new converts join our regular Thursday discipleship Bible study at the prison when we start up again this year.

We are getting very close to having our first baptismal service and forming the membership of our first church plant. We currently have around 20 adults that have trusted the Lord, desire to be baptized, and join the church. Others have also indicated that they are interested in being a part of the church, but are waiting until we start having morning services, as we are currently meeting at 3pm on Sunday afternoon. Please pray with us for this new church plant in Phokera.

On March 4, we will welcome our Bible college students back for their last three months of classes before they graduate. Pray for each one as they complete the courses and return home to focus more intensely on the ministry which the Lord has called them to. Two of our students are currently planting churches themselves. We have assisted them in getting property to officially organize their church on. We look forward to hearing about the great things the Lord will use these men to accomplish for His glory!

March also marks the end of our temporary residency permits. Please pray with us that we will be given the more permanent Temporary Employment Permits that we have applied for, which last two years. It would be a real blessing to not need to be concerned about going to immigration every 6 months.

The last couple months have brought a few difficulties. All of our children are through the mumps now, but with it being the rainy season there are many other sicknesses going around. So please continue to pray for our health. We also had a group of thieves stealing from our compound property. Thankfully they were caught and brought to the police without anyone being hurt. As well, as I write this letter, our national co-workers are at the labor court because we had a disgruntled worker decide he wanted to try to find a way to extort money out of us. This is a common issue here so please pray for wisdom in properly dealing with this now - as well as in the future. We praise the Lord that time and time again we have seen God arranging the events of our life at exactly the perfect time so as to keep us safe and to order our steps!

Thank you for faithfully holding us up in prayer! We also want to thank each of you who sent in a gift for our family for Christmas. We appreciate your kindness to us!

Prayer Requests

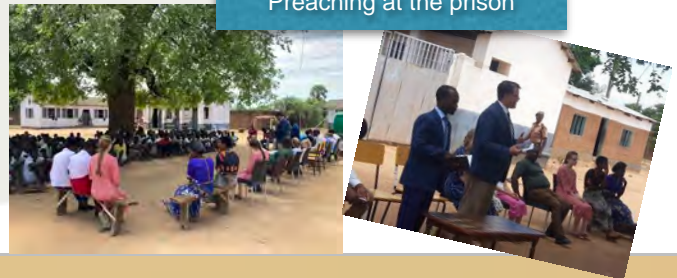
*Continued health and safety *Fluency in the Chichewa language. *The Bible college teachers and students *Saturday evangelism *Phokera church plant *Prison ministry. *For long-term immigration paperwork

Your Servants in Christ,
Eric & Jessica Curtis & Family

Christmas bags



Preaching at the prison



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