



# The *Curtis Family*

## Missionaries to Malawi, Africa

July 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

One of the greatest frustrations for missionaries is often paperwork & red tape! So much time seems wasted sitting in offices, but it is a necessary part of missionary life. We are praising the Lord that we were able to get an extension on our temporary residency permits until March 2, 2024. We will be applying for Temporary Employment Permits this September, which would enable us to stay here for the next two years without having to regularly leave the country or go to immigration every 6 months. We would greatly appreciate your prayers concerning this.

The Lord is continuing to bless our outreach ministries. In Phokera, the Bible study is going well. A few have made it clear that they intend on being part of the church we are starting, including the lady we mentioned in the last letter. Following the discipleship course we are going through with them, we will look into forming a church. We are continuing to meet under a tree at the chief's house, but have already begun looking for property for the church. Please continue to pray concerning the start of the church there!

We are also helping other likeminded churches establish Bible-believing churches. Below is a picture of a little church that we recently purchased property for in a village called Sorjun. The pastor graduated from our Bible college here before I came. We have gone soul winning with them and have held special meetings there to help establish the church. Lord willing they will mold bricks and begin building by the end of the year! When they finish, we plan to purchase the roof for their building. Truly the devil is fighting the establishment of a Bible believing church in this village! Shortly after we held the first meeting on their new property, the pastor's 19 year old son died unexpectedly. This church and pastor could definitely use your prayers.

Even on the days when we don't go out, the Lord brings people to us. There is always a regular flow of people coming to our gate for various reasons, mostly for first-aid care. Jessica and Shadrick help bandage their wounds as well as share the Gospel with them. Jessica had a special burden for one of our lost security guards. As they witnessed, he would listen. The other day, a man came to the gate in need of help and Pastor Nelson witnessed to him. Afterward, both he and our security guard professed to trust Christ!

### **Prayer Requests**

\*Pray for our continued health and safety! \*Pray for fluency in the Chichewa language. \*Pray for the Bible college teachers and students! \*Pray for evangelism and Bible study in Phokera as we prepare to start a church there. \*Pray for our prison ministry. \*Pray for us concerning our immigration paperwork. \*Pray for the water situation to be completely resolved.

Your servants in Christ,  
Eric & Jessica Curtis & Family



Our security guard is on the right

Phokera group



Sorjun Church

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