



The *Curtis Family*

Missionaries to Malawi, Africa

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Dear Praying Friends,

She had pills in her pocket and a rope in her house when one of the men who faithfully attends our Bible study in the village was passing out tracts and came to her house. She was planning on committing suicide, but the man convinced her to come to the Bible study instead. That particular Sunday we thought we would have to cancel because the car wouldn't start. After praying, I told Pastor Nelson try one more time - and the car started immediately! Praise the Lord! Following the Bible study, this young lady came to us directly after the services and said, "Please talk to me now about getting saved." She shared about her past and expressed that she didn't feel that she could be saved because of her very wicked background. She had been involved in satanic practices including human sacrifice, human trafficking, prostitution and multiple other satanic rituals and practices. As we shared the Gospel with her tears ran down her cheeks and with joy, she trusted Christ as her Savior! When we saw her the next week, her whole disposition was different. She had a smile on her face, cheerfully sang the hymns, and asked us for a pack of tracts to pass out at the market before she left! Please pray for her! Because she has AIDS, we don't know how many years the Lord will give her, but I'm sure she will be a great witness as she shares what great things the Lord has done for her!

Truly this young lady's salvation is great spiritual victory, but this period has been filled with many struggles as well. The roads and the electricity are a little better now that we are past the cyclone, but there have been many other new things to deal with. I can understand how Paul felt when he said a great door is opened but there are many adversaries. We seem to go from battling with one thing to battling with another and trying at the same time to continue the ministry that we are involved in here. We have had sickness with one or more of us for around a month. The vehicles have both broken at various times with different issues. The water system has been a regular battle as the man that set it up didn't do it properly and isn't interested in correcting the problem. The bank has been holding our money for long periods of time after it is sent, making it difficult to receive. We also had to cancel going to the village Bible study for 3 weeks due to rain or funerals. Truly it seems like a continual succession of one difficulty after another as we battle to live and minister through all these things. We certainly need your prayers!

Amidst all the challenges the ministry is still moving forward. We are still busy going out on Saturdays evangelizing in Phokera with souls trusting Christ each time we go out. The village Bible study has continued to go well, although the numbers have dwindled a little bit. Just recently we finished the Salvation Bible study in the village and 15 people trusted Christ! We have now started a discipleship series to help those attending grow in their faith. We have continued to see souls trust Christ in the prison as well and have also started discipleship lessons there. At the Bible college, I have finished teaching the Doctrine of Sin and I am now teaching the Doctrine of Salvation. It is exciting because I can hear when the men witness and preach that they are growing and maturing in their faith through what they are being taught.

Thank you for praying! It is definitely a spiritual battle and we covet your prayers! Also we had a few supporters who gave to help with cyclone relief. We were able to meet many needs with the money that was given. Thank you for helping!

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.

Your Servants in Christ,
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