



# The *Curtis Family*

## Missionaries to Malawi, Africa

November 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

One Saturday morning as we were all preparing to go soul winning, Sammy eagerly got himself ready to go. He hadn't told anyone, but he was specifically praying that the Lord would give him an opportunity to witness. Brother Nelson had a lady in mind that we were all going to visit. As soon as our truck drove in to the area though, it was quickly surrounded by young people. As he was contemplating what we were going to do, He looked at Sammy and said, "Sammy, why don't you witness to all these young people." Sammy looked at me with excitement in his eyes! I said, "Go ahead son!" He jumped out of the truck with his marked Bible in hand, and proceeded to witness to at least 30-40 children - with multiple ladies and men coming to listen as well. Brother Nelson's son, Joseph, translated for him while Nelson and other men made their visits. As I closed with prayer, a number of those present prayed to receive Christ and asked us to come back again! Truly, it is wonderful to see our children have a desire to serve the Lord, and to watch how the Lord gives them opportunities as they seek Him in prayer!

At the end of September we sent all of the college students home for break for the hot season. We thought that life might slow down a little bit with the college not in session, but that has not been the case. Since then we have focused all of our energies on the church plant. We have now moved from the tree at the chief's house to our new property, which the Lord has recently allowed us to buy. We have already cleared the land and have set up a temporary structure, where we can meet during the upcoming rainy season. Lord willing, we hope to have a baptismal service and to form the membership of the church within the next couple of months. Our desire is that sometime this upcoming year, following rainy season, we will work with the membership of this new church to build their permanent church building. Please continue to pray with us about these things!

As of December 1, 2023, we will have been in Malawi for a full year. We are thankful that the whole family seems to have adjusted well to life here in Malawi. We are seeing some progress with the language and we are now all able to greet others and have some basic conversations in Chichewa. Also the Lord is continuing to provide safety and protection for our family. Since we arrived in Malawi we have had about 7 or 8 poisonous snakes killed on the compound where we live here. This month a Green Mamba dropped off a roof on one of the pastor's daughters, in a place where we all regularly sit. Thankfully no one but the snake was harmed. We have also had a few sicknesses. This month we've had the mumps going around. A couple kids currently still have it. We also frequently hear of serious crimes or deadly accidents that have taken place, yet the Lord has continued to protect us from all these things! Thank you for faithfully praying for us! We know it makes a difference!

### **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 needed long-term immigration paperwork.

Your Servants in Christ,  
Eric & Jessica Curtis & Family



Sammy witnessing



Temporary Church Building

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