

# The *Curtis Family* Missionaries to Malawi, Africa



January 2026

Dear Praying Friends,

As I write this prayer letter, we are preparing to go to the funeral of a young 8 year old girl that has been a part of our children's ministry here. She was diagnosed with malaria about a week ago. When she was admitted to the hospital she was either not given proper treatment or not treated quick enough and within about a week's time she's passed into eternity. She was clearly taught the Gospel in the children's church ministry and according to her parents' testimony they were affirming that she had placed her trust in Christ. They testified that her favorite verse was one that Jessica taught the children by song, 1 John 4:10! She had frequently told Jessica that she wanted to be a Sunday School teacher like her. Please pray for her parents and the Tengani Baptist Church as they grieve the loss of this young child.

Malaria is a constant problem here and during the past few months we have seen many individuals who have been diagnosed with it. But by the grace of God and through the prayers of God's people, our family has not yet had it. We praise the Lord for the continued health and strength to serve the Lord here. Thank you for continuing to pray for our health and safety!

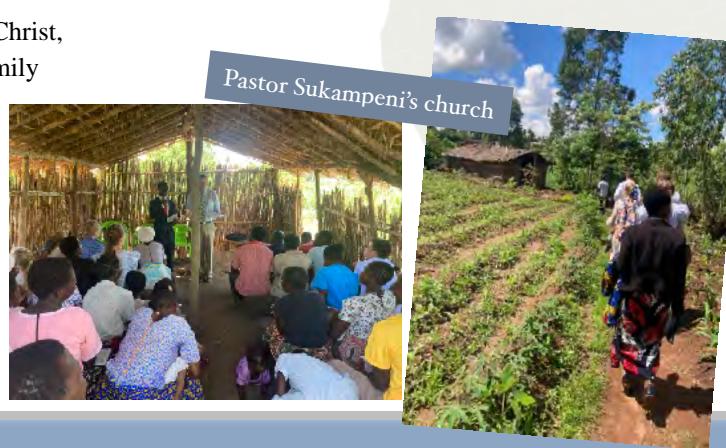
Both church plants seem to be doing well. In Phokera the men are continuing to preach during the Wednesday evening service and are maturing in their ability. In Yamula the group is growing and we are seeing a slightly higher attendance. We are still preparing for baptisms in both locations, and in Yamula we will be forming membership after this first baptism. Please be praying as we continue to prepare for this.

During the month of December, we also had an extra opportunity to visit a church plant of one of our current Bible college students. Pastor Sukampeni's church is gathering under a grass roof in the village of Nasanya in the Thyolo region. We were able have a special meeting with them and to encourage them through preaching and song. In time we hope to help them with some building supplies so they can make a more permanent building for their small church. Also, from our last class of students the valedictorian of the class, pastor Richard Koroma, has been planting a church in the Zomba region and we were able to assist his church with some cement and a metal roof as they had already made their bricks for their building. Please pray for both of these godly men in the work that God has directed them to do.

Last, as we conclude this prayer letter please continue to pray for our needed immigration paperwork. We have already gathered most of the necessary papers, but we are still waiting on one document from the tax office. Please pray that we will have no difficulty in receiving this. Our current immigration papers expire on April 30th.

Also, we would like to thank everyone who sent in extra money at Christmas for our family. It was a great encouragement and blessing. Thank you for your continued love and support and prayers.

Your Servants in Christ,  
The Curtis Family



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