

Declare: Africa-July 2025

Highlights from last month:



Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you so much for your continued, faithful prayer support for our family and ministry in Malawi. We are grateful to each of you. Here are a few highlights from last month:

- We celebrated America's Independence Day, July 4th, and Malawi's Independence Day, July 6th!
- We continued meeting with our front porch Bible study group each week. We're not only
 eating a meal and studying God's Word together, but we're also going out to share the
 Gospel with the people who live and work in our community. We have recently gone
 through the book of Ruth together and are preparing to tell the story of the Kinsman
 Redeemer next week!
- We had the privilege of working alongside two young ladies who came to Malawi through Nehemiah Teams to research universities in Lilongwe and encourage the local Church to be engaging and making disciples among the Next Generation in Malawi.

These two sweet girls returned home to the U.S. after a very productive and encouraging eight weeks in the field. To watch a video about Nehemiah Teams <u>click here</u>.

- Chris traveled for a week during July to meet with a network of theological educators across the continent. He was greatly encouraged during his time at the conference.
- We traveled as a family and team to Nsanje and Chilipa, Malawi, to work alongside a short-term volunteer team from Trinity Baptist Church in Ardmore, OK, to hold two evangelism trainings in two strategic areas of Malawi where a couple of Baptist home missionaries live and work. This was an incredible trip and opportunity. The Lord is at work!

Check out the pictures and video below highlighting July.



1 - Traveling with our Team to climb Bunda Mountain



2 - The boys at the top of Nkhoma Mountain



3 - Jamie sharing the story of Creation in Nsanje



4 - Chris sharing with the adults in Nsanje



5 - July 2025 Newsletter Video

What's coming in August?



By God's grace:

- We celebrated Isaiah's 14th birthday on August 1st!
- We will celebrate Anastasia's 9th birthday on August 24th!
- We will start homeschool & homeschool co-op this month! We will have another senior (12th grade), a freshman (9th grade), 6th grader, and 4th grader this year!
- We will continue our Front Porch Bible Study.
- We will continue to help our new teammates get settled and learn more about Chichewa and Malawian culture.
- Chris will continue writing his dissertation. He gets closer every day!
- Join us for a virtual prayer call for Sub-Saharan Africa, highlighting our region. It will take place on Thursday, August 21st, at 11:00 a.m. CST. Scan the QR code in the picture to register for the call.



Ways you can pray:



- Malawi's Presidential Elections are scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th. Please pray
 for the entire country of Malawi. Inflation and unemployment are at all-time highs.
 Many, especially the next generation, are dissatisfied and disappointed. This has resulted
 in many demonstrations and protests across our country. As elections get closer,
 campaign gatherings and demonstrations will increase in frequency. Please pray for
 PEACE to prevail and for God's will to be done during this election season. "The king's
 heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will."
 Proverbs 21:1, ESV
- Please pray for our Front Porch Bible study as we continue to memorize stories for evangelism and practice sharing them with our neighbors, friends, and families. Pray that the Lord would use these disciples to make more disciples for the sake of His great name!
- Please pray for our national partners to follow up with the students on university campuses where our Nehemiah Team went and helped start Bible studies. Please also

- pray for our national partners to follow up with those who were trained during the evangelism trainings in Nsanje and Chilipa.
- Please continue to pray for Chris as he juggles numerous responsibilities, including completing his dissertation. Please pray for his roles as husband, father, brother in Christ, missionary, supervisor, employer, guest house manager, logistics coordinator, and PhD student.
- Please pray for the lost with whom we are sharing!!
- Please continue to pray for our new teammates as they settle into life in Malawi.
- Pray that we would remember our primary objective as Christ followers is to be with Him!

Ways you can connect with us:



Malawi Team Strategy Site: This page has developed to be more than just a giving platform. You can scan the QR code below or <u>click here</u> to visit a ministry site dedicated to our Malawi team. On this page you'll be able to see how and where we are currently working and ways you can partner with us in the task. You can also click on the "Give Now" link where you can support us financially If you want to give to our specific ministry strategy in Malawi, select "Ministry Strategy." Or if you would like to give toward the general fund of the IMB, you can select "Missionary Support" to send a gift in honor of our name or ministry!



6 - Scan this code to go directly to our Malawi team strategy site.

Ways you can send or go:



UPDATE!!! We have recently updated our job requests for Malawi because God has been answering our call for new teammates. More to come on this! For now, these are the jobs and a brief explanation of how you can join us in the work in Malawi.

Mid-term Journeyman position in TCK Education Ministry. Join a unique and rewarding opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of missionary kids and their families. You will have the privilege of investing in the educational, emotional, and spiritual development of children from two missionary families. Your role will involve guiding their homeschooling, sharing in playful moments, and exploring the local community together. When not engaged in homeschooling, you will have the freedom to share the Gospel, disciple others, and research strategic locations to advance the ministry. By providing loving care and support to these families, you will be gifting them with the precious gift of time and flexibility to focus on their ministry, while also shaping the next generation of leaders and world changers.

Mid-term Journeyman position in Next-Gen & Diaspora Research & Ministry. Be the leading edge of getting the gospel to some of the most crucial population segments in Malawi! Use your talents, hobbies, and your heart language to build bridges to the gospel so that students may hear and respond to the true gospel. Spend time discovering unengaged Muslim and Asian communities and develop a strategy to engage them with the gospel. You will work with an experienced family and their team of national partners to learn the country's geographic, social, cultural, and religious layers. This work is an essential component for Malawian churches seeking to become the mission force reaching their own people and for missionary workers endeavoring to partner alongside them.

Mid-term Journeyman position in Explorer Research & Ministry. Be the leading edge of getting the gospel to the most critical locations in Malawi! Research and identify areas of Malawi where church planting is most needed, and help develop a strategy to engage those areas. Aid missionaries and churches in developing a missions strategy by identifying existing churches and missions work, as well as areas where churches are absent. This crucial information is essential for Malawian churches seeking to become the mission force reaching their own people and for missionary workers endeavoring to partner alongside them.

Long-term career position in Next Gen Ministry. The Next-Gen Catalyst role offers a unique opportunity to make a lasting Kingdom impact by reaching the future leaders of Malawian society, while also providing a well-structured cycle of student volunteers to come and share the gospel and make disciples. This person will inspire and equip local Malawian pastors and churches to reach and disciple the next generation. By God's grace, it will result in the gospel going beyond Malawian borders through both Malawian and American student volunteers, leaving a meaningful global impact for years to come.

If you are interested in any of these jobs or know someone who might be, you can click on the links above to apply.

You can scan the QR code below or click on <u>this link</u> for a video invite to share with anyone who might be interested in the long-term Next-Gen job.

We have also developed several short-term volunteer team packages for volunteer groups to choose from, outlining ways they can partner with us in pursuing our vision of seeing healthy Malawian churches making disciples both in Malawi and beyond. If you're interested in serving on a short-term trip to Malawi, please let us know, and we'd be happy to provide you with these packages.



7 - Next Gen Invite Video

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