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Mission Malawi



How Do We Measure Up?

During the preliminary stages of construction, foundations and plumb lines matter the most.

It's not any different in our spiritual walk. Christ is our solid foundation, and our lives are to be aligned with His will. We must be plumb with God's standard to receive the eternal home we desire (like Israel in Amos 7).



PERIMETER WALL

80% completion of the 6-foot, cinder block wall surrounding 5 acres of school land.



FOOTINGS DUG

Concrete footings laid for the first house which will be for the security guard's home.



WEEKLY DELIVERIES

Steady flow of materials established... a major accomplishment in a third-world country!



Truck Stuck
Hours spent manually reducing the
weight of truck with
37.5-ton load.



Big Speed BumpGravel dumped
evenly except for 4ton hill. Whole
family worked in the
rain to spread it out.



Rejects Returned Cinder blocks and wall imperfections rejected to turn out a quality project.

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Keeping the Main Thing...

Three ladies decide to put on Christ in baptism and start their walk with Him.

... the main thing! Still the most important thing that happens in this physical world is when a person chooses to live for Christ instead of for self... making Him their Master.

These ladies made their requests known on Sunday after worship services. One was a visitor who upon study postponed her decision one week so she could give it thorough consideration. The second is 28 years old and has come faithfully with her mom for many years. Their family benefited from the help of

the church in starting a tomato business a couple of years ago. The third came from another congregation that meets near this baptismal site (in someone's backyard).

Teaching God's Word in Chichewa

Leann, along with a recent Bear Valley Extension School graduate, is co-teaching the ladies' Bible class that meets twice each month on Saturdays.

Leann taught the first lesson of the book of James in English with a translator but has now taught two subsequent lessons directly in Chichewa. The first week was just reading from a script, but the second week comments and further explanations were possible without prior translation.

JOYS & SORROWS SHARED

We are incredibly blessed by meeting people from all across the world. Many of them become extensions of our family, and we become a part of theirs.

Recently, many of those we love are grieving the loss of loved ones, friends, and church leaders. Please pray for healing for those who have lost loved ones and for us as we support them from afar during these trials of loss & grief.

TEACHING KIDS THE BIBLE

Trampoline Talk resumed on February 7th with 25 kids present. The next week followed with 40 kids ready to jump and learn about Jesus. We are studying about how God is all-powerful, all-knowing and everywhere. From there, we'll learn to look for God in creation, in trials, and for His answers to our prayers.

Also this month, Leann taught the children's Bible class with a new helper. The lesson series by Kurt Goble is about animals with qualities we also need like accepting others who are different from us (dolphin), handling anger (gorilla), not arguing (ostrich), bearing each other's burdens (goose) and being teachable (coatimundi). Due to sickness, the helper taught one prepared lesson on her own!





Moms rejoice after daughters are born again!



Dear Dan, thanks for hosting us on furlough & going the extra mile for so many! Until we meet again, we'll miss you!



Learning Latin & loving it!



Storage container moved onto construction site

Thanks to a thoughtful couple... Dale's birthday at Lake Malawi!







A Work...



in Progress...



