



News from Malawi

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Greetings Dear Friends!!!

Crocuses pushing up through still-cold soil. Blustery wind. One last snow fall from winter's lingering grasp. Warm greetings from family and friends. A different bed nearly every night for four months. Logging thousands of miles as we visit supporting churches. Enjoying a bike ride on a balmy spring day.

These are just a few of our impressions since we returned to the States on March 9. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of you already and sharing with you what God is doing in Malawi and Mozambique. And we look forward to seeing many more of you before we head back to Malawi on 7 July.

In our travels we have enjoyed dropping in on son Luke and his family in Portage, IN where Luke works as an O.T. at Jacob's Ladder – a Christian pediatric care center. It has been a real blessing to spend more time with grandsons Caden (3) and Reuben (1). Caden and I mowed the yard together a couple of weeks ago – a little slow but fun!!!



Last week we spent some days with Miriam at Dordt College catching up with her friends, visiting class, sharing with her Missions class, seeing her latest art work, sitting in on a symposium as Miriam delivered a paper on

missionary kids and depression, and attending the spring choir concert. A joy to be a small part of this part of Miriam's life!

Son Matt is in Malawi hanging out with friends, writing, reading, helping with our accounting while we are away – and waiting for Kenya to change her constitution so he can apply for a Kenyan passport and stay in Africa as long as he wants! He is enrolled at Open University and awaiting the arrival of his books so he can continue his studies.



In Malawi and Mozambique late-starting and early-ending rains have left many areas in a dangerous situation with very low food production. Many households will be out of food by August. That means they will somehow have to cope for 8 months. Please pray for wisdom as we work with partners and communities to try to determine the best course forward. We want to help families end this cycle of nearly annual food crises.

Partners are all busy in the field with their community development work, in the office writing proposals and planning the work for coming months –



working toward reducing hunger, malaria, AIDS and increasing literacy, financial security, and community justice – to God's glory with the encouragement of your support and prayers.

As the saying goes, we may not know what tomorrow holds – but we know Who holds tomorrow. That is not just a truism or a trite saying – it is absolutely the truth. Because we trust our Sovereign Omnipotent Father God we can live each day with confidence and joy – in the midst of insecurities and pressures. Live this truth, contend for this truth wherever God has put you. Keep praying daily for national leaders, for church leaders, for your loved ones, for communities in Africa – and other places – to know the joy of God's gracious presence among them each day.

As God leads and provides you may want to consider passing on His blessings through further financial giving in addition to your faithful prayer support.

Many, many thanks for your faithful, generous support through giving and praying over many years!!!

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