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MALAWI

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Mission: Theological Education & Music Ministry

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December is another busy month, but not because of Christmas-related activities. Western Christmas traditions don't play a significant role here in Malawi.

Over the last couple of months, I shared about TEEM's new Old Testament foundation course. The revision of this course is almost completed and the course is due to be translated in December. The translation will be in one of the vernaculars of Malawi, but not in the usual ones. Over the last couple of months, we have been in contact with a someone working among the Llomwe speakers in Malawi.

There are around one million Llomwe speakers living in Malawi and many of them live below the poverty line and at least 50% of whom are illiterate. However, for many people, Ellomwe is their "heart-language", the language which they understand best and which really touches their heart.

We are translating the new Bible foundation course and will then start TEE learning groups in at least six villages. But we also want to produce a phone-compatible audio version of the course. We agreed to make audio recordings as it will help those who don't read well or at all. But we are not yet sure how



to technically do it. We also need a trained narrator to double the impact and the enjoyment of the course. Some challenges ahead....



Photo: Ellomwe Church Function

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for the new course and its reception. Pray for the translators and our project team as they implement the translation. (Sometimes for cultural reasons, they need to make changes to the translation in order to avoid confusion).
- Pray for us that we will be able to understand the requirements for good audio recordings. The impact could be huge as families could listen regularly to the course recordings in their own language – their heart language.

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