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### MALAWI

**Location:** Zomba

**Mission:** Theological Education

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#### TRANSITION: TEEM

At the end of June, our current secondment to TEEM will come to an end after eight years' of service. Recently, we received our Call to assist another of PCI's international partners, namely: Theological Education by Extension College (TEE) in Johannesburg, South Africa.

One of the reasons that PCI's Council for Global Mission seconded us to TEEM was to restart grassroots theological training. The grassroots material is also used to train pastors who do not have the school certificates to enrol at institutions of higher education.

One estimate says that worldwide, 95% of pastors are without theological training. TEEM is filling the gap as we have a partnership with some denominations to train their pastors.

One church, the Church of God Malawi Region, has organised a graduation of 35 of their pastors on Saturday 30 June (which is my last day of work at TEEM). We restarted this kind of training and now on my last day in the office, we will see 35 of these pastors graduate! This is our biggest graduation of pastors so far. We are very excited.



Many other things are happening in relation to the transition at the office, and with our family. We also have to get visas for South Africa organised. There are many changes at the moment and many things need to be organised. In the midst of all of this, our daughter Lina is sitting her GCSE exams.

We are very grateful for your prayers that lift us to our Heavenly Father.

## Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for the graduation of the 35 pastors. Pray for them that they will fulfil their purposes in the Malawian church.
- Pray for myself and the Deputy Director as we are preparing the handover.
- Pray for the visa for South Africa. There are plenty of documents that are needed, the time is short and we are far away from the authorities that issue the documents that we need. But God is near.
- Pray for our family during the transition which can be unsettling. Remember also Lina as she sits her GCSEs.