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MALAWI

Location: Zomba

Mission: Theological Education

Volker is the Executive Director of one of PCI's long-term partners in Malawi: TEEM (Theological Education by Extension in Malawi).

Transition: TEEM to TEEC

At the end of June, our current secondment to TEEM (Theological Education by Extension in Malawi) will come to an end after eight years of service. We have just received a Call to assist with one of PCI's new global mission partners, namely TEEC (Theological Education by Extension College) in Johannesburg, South Africa.

We are delighted how God opened doors so that we can continue working in TEE (Theological Education by Extension). TEE is a very good method of theological training, especially at the grassroots level and ministerial theological education.

My primary role in TEEC will be to redesign TEEC's Bachelor of Theology programme, then to take that through the accreditation process with the Council on Higher Education and thereafter manage the development of the related materials that would allow TEEC to offer the programme in the distance mode.

JinHyeog will first of all ensure that the transition will run smooth for the children and then we are looking forward to see how her talents can be used in South Africa. At the moment, we are trying to organise the move, and the first and most important decision will be about the schooling of our three children.



In February, in TEEM we started with two new pilot groups here in Zomba on the new 'Knowing Jesus' course. The course is written as part of an AATEEA (All African Theological Education by Extension Association) drive to improve courses across the continent.

I like to write the course, pilot it and amend the course all at the same time. Course areas that don't work well (or require further explanations) can then immediately be improved upon. It is great and the course improves, but it is also stressful (especially with 5-6 hours of power cuts every day).

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord that we finally have clarity about our future and that God opened doors to continue what we are doing here, but in another context. This is very exciting!
- Pray that for guidance and wisdom as we need to make important decisions now in order to make the transition to Johannesburg as smooth as possible.
- Continue to pray for the test-runs (pilots) of the 'Knowing Jesus' course. Pray that God reveals himself to our learners and that through them we can also learn how to improve the course. A draft will need to be sent to AATEEA shortly.