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MALAWI

Location: Blantyre

Mission: Theological Education

Volker is assisting one of PCI's long-term partners in Malawi: TEEM (Theological Education by Extension in Malawi). Discussion is also ongoing to clarify the steps in which Volker can assist another of PCI's partners: TEEC (Theological Education by Extension College in Johannesburg, South Africa).

TEE is a method of theological learning in which self-study is essential. This means that a lot of work goes into preparing quality self-study material.

Anglican Dioceses

TEEM is a Malawian ecumenical institution and yesterday, I had a meeting with representatives from the local Anglican Diocese about starting some training groups here in Blantyre. The plan is to start in three or four congregations in Blantyre doing grassroots training in September. Likely, I will visit the congregations in July to promote the course. (In August we will be out of the country as we visit family in Korea).

Book Project: Towards a Malawian Theology of Laity

For some time, I have been trying to collect the last missing chapters for the above book project. Unfortunately, one of the contributors (Isabel) injured her wrist and cannot type at the moment. Once, the chapter is in then we can move the project towards the finish line.



Book Project: Out of Exile, not out of Babylon

My own book 'Out of Exile, not out of Babylon' just came back from the printer. It is published here in Malawi by Mzuzu University Press. This is obviously, quite exciting.

Research trip to Pretoria

Three weeks ago, I was in Pretoria in South Africa visiting the UNISA library for a research project about the early developments in TEE. During the trip, I was also able to meet with two people who have great insights into TEE in Africa. I was able to secure a research grant and the trip has been extremely useful and now I am writing up the findings.

End of the school year

A year ago, we were set to leave Malawi, but due to visa problems we are still here. We moved from Zomba to Blantyre and Jinhyeog and the boys started in new schools. Everything has worked out very well for the whole family and the schools and the change has been very good.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for the opportunity to finally start courses with the Anglican church (we tried for many years).
- Pray for Isabel, for healing of her wrist.
- Praise the Lord for a successful research trip to Pretoria and for all God's blessings on our move to Blantyre over the last year.