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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.

'Knowing Jesus' course and All Africa TEE Association (AATEEA)

One of TEEM's projects of the past few months was the revision of the 'Knowing Jesus' course that I wrote. After testing the course twice, we saw great ways to improve the course and make it even better. We have engaged a graphic designer to design learning icons, maps, pictures, and drawings to show and illustrate visually some key ideas. At the end of September, the final course is to be presented at a Course Writer workshop in Kenya from the All Africa TEE Association (AATEEA). Then the course will be available for use across AATEEA institutions in Africa, if they want to adopt it.

Anglican Dioceses – grassroots course 'Knowing God'

Just before the holidays I had a meeting with representatives from the local Anglican Diocese about starting some training groups here in Blantyre. The



plan is to start training in three or four congregations in Blantyre this October. We plan to visit the congregations in September to promote the course. Initially, the plan was to promote the 'Knowing Jesus' course but the bishop, rightfully, pointed out that the 'Knowing God' course leads theologically to the 'Knowing Jesus' course as it highlights the messianic ideas in the Old Testament. This is great, but it is also quite a bit of extra work.

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

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.
- Pray while we (a colleague, the graphic designer and myself) finish the 'Knowing Jesus' course and at the same time prepare the unfinished 'Knowing God' course for use.