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Location: **Blantyre, MALAWI**

Mission: **Theological education**



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The delay in submitting allowed for this to be included. Then I realised that we talked about the laity as church leaders, theological educators and pastors but that their direct voice was not included in the book. So, I went around to do interviews, transcript them and finally evaluated them. It was really important to include their voices. It was good to include their direct voices.

Based in Malawi, Volker is involved in developing TEE – theological education by extension – in Southern Africa. He is actively involved in preparing quality self-study material for two of PCI's partners, TEEM (Theological Education by Extension in Malawi) in Zomba, Malawi and TEEC (Theological Education by Extension College) in Johannesburg, South Africa.

International Book Project

I have been asked because of my writing and involvement with TEE to contribute to a book on TEE which is a collaboration between the Increase Association, Langham Publishing and ICETE (International Council for Evangelical Theological Education). This is a great opportunity and 2-3 of us will work together on chapters about the educational perspective of TEE.

Finally: Manuscript Submission for Towards a Malawian Theology of Laity

Praise the Lord. I was finally able to submit the manuscript for the book I am editing. The title is "Towards a Malawian Theology of Laity". Generally, not much has been written on lay empowerment, even though there is a strong Christian tradition to emphasise that all members of the church (clergy and lay) are called to be priest on behalf of God. There were delays (and I had asked for prayer previously) when a key contributor had an accident and couldn't write for a few months. Some time ago, I was asked by someone working in lay training if I could not write about appropriate funding models for grassroots training. Grassroots training requires staff to write good material but the production costs cannot be covered through the training. Funding is an issue.

Family

We are all well and healthy. There are around 100 cases of Covid19 in Malawi. Schools are closed. All of us work from home at the moment. Our oldest daughter waits for news from the universities including if they will run normally in September with face to face teaching.

Prayer Points

- For Malawi: a peaceful and fair election and that the results will be accepted by everyone.
- Health and protection from Covid19.
- Pray for our oldest daughter, her A Levels and clarity about universities.
- Praise the Lord for the submission of the manuscript to the publisher and for the writing team for the international book project.