

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann

Location: **Blantyre, MALAWI**

Mission: **Theological education**



The Glissmann's are based in Malawi. Jinhyeog is involved in a local Primary School as a music teacher and Volker works off-campus as programme developer for TEEC, the Theological Education by Extension College in Johannesburg, South Africa.

A new beginning

September has brought some long-awaited clarity. Volker has finally started to officially be involved in the ministry of the TEEC College in South Africa as the last obstacle was removed. Volker has been appointed as programme developer for the College who will help with curriculum revision, initially with the existing Bachelor in Theology program. Some of the courses have not been updated for a good number of years. That is exciting.

Our daughter has arrived in York to start her studies and is settling in well. The boys moved from online teaching back to face-to-face physical teaching at their High School and are now back in school for the first time since early March. And Jinhyeog is also back teaching music at the Primary School – at the moment the weather allows her to teach outside (but it is getting hot here!)



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Malawi National Theological Conference and Book Project

Volker continues to be involved in a few other things beside his work for the TEE College. This month he attended the first National Theology Conference which was held in Nkhoma. It was a very good conference and Volker's paper on Theological Graduate Profiles was well received. As mentioned in previous bulletins, Volker was involved in a joint and collaborative writing project for a chapter in a book. It was just amazing how well the two writers (who come different approaches) actually were really able to collaborate and challenge each other. The final draft is now submitted and the end product is so much better than the individual contributions. Very exciting how God lead the process.

Covid 19 in Malawi – update

The scientist has predicted and warned that Covid-19 will be devastating for Africa. Last month we had only around 5,600 Covid-19 cases (as of writing the last bulletin) with only around 175 deaths. Now, we have 5,760 confirmed cases but only 179 deaths. There is a feeling that the statistic is generally reliable as there are not many unexplained deaths reported in the country. Most cases here are asymptomatic. God has been good to Malawi.

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for the low death rate and infection rate of Covid-19 in Malawi.
- Pray for our family and especially for our oldest daughter as she settles into university life and starts exploring the world on her own.
- Praise the Lord for the return of a new normal in terms of schools and Volker's involvement with TEEC and God's guidance on the writing projects.