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Location: **Blantyre, MALAWI**

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).

Malawi Election

On the 23.06.2020 Malawi held its re-run of the May 2019 presidential election as the constitutional court had nullified the election. Within the next 8 days the Electoral Commission needs to announce the results and whatever the outcome, some supporters might be very unhappy. Please pray for peace and that the choice of people is accepted.

Covid-19 in Malawi

At the moment there are around 550 active cases, 11 deaths, 258 recoveries and nearly 11,000 tests. The active cases have increased by 500% from last month, mainly due to the repatriation of Malawians from South Africa and Zimbabwe. The international airports are still closed. The people's main concern are the elections and food and not Covid-19.

Revision: Knowing God course

Over the last few weeks, I was able to completely revise our story-based grassroots course of the Old Testament. The course needs to speak to our situation here in Malawi and so it was important to run the course again and then implement changes that worked in order to increase the engagement.



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Unfortunately, we then ran into a copyright issue of using a certain Bible translation from a certain Bible Society. Courses like this will never make money (the objective is to teach the people to know their God). The printing costs are just too high for a country like Malawi. We have now identified a potential replacement translation that is free to use.

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 two of us will work together on chapters about the educational perspective of TEE. The opportunity is marvellous to promote our training for theological educators, especially to empower the grassroots.

Family

We are all well and healthy. 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 family and especially for our oldest daughter for clarity where to study
- Please pray for the writing team for the international book project as well as for my colleague and myself for the revision of the Old Testament course.