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### MALAWI

**Location:** Zomba

**Mission:** Theological Education & Music Ministry

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First of all, our thanks to everyone who is praying for the rain for Malawi. The situation has significantly improved over the last month in our area. The weather pattern has been very unusual this year.

In April, we will start the test run of our newly designed Old Testament TEE course "Knowing God – the beginning." We are hoping to have three different groups here in Zomba studying the course.

This course is also part of a research project on how learners in church-based education programmes learn best. The research is part of a study programme in theological education that I have been doing for the past two and a half years. A lot of research went into the different elements of the course design in order to enhance the learning. The aim is to find out which methods that support learning work best for our students. Once we understand how the students learn best, then we can use these methods in our other courses. Unfortunately, I am a bit behind in writing the course due to other commitments.

In May, I will also be travelling to a South-East Asian country, where a group of theological educators will meet to discuss how to improve church-based



education (including TEE). I went last year to meet the group and we had an informative conference, and this year a few of us will meet again in order to produce some tangible outcomes for church-based education.

## Prayer Points

- Pray for God's mercy to continue to send the rain.
- Pray that TEEM's new Old Testament course will be ready in time and that through it TEEM will come to understand how their students learn best.
- Pray also for Volker's travels to Asia and the workshop there.