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### MALAWI

**Location:** Zomba

**Mission:** Theological Education & Music Ministry

Here in Malawi I work for TEE Malawi – Theological Education by Extension in Malawi. And we do what our name says: theological education, not residentially but by extension. Our courses go to the learners rather than them coming to join us at a residential college.

At the end of April, I went to Malaysia to attend a workshop with 'Increase Association' (which is roughly the equivalent of the Asian TEE Association, but its aim is wider and it includes other church-based training programmes). I was part of a work group looking at 'Transformational Learning'. There were 23 people from 15 different countries in Asia in the work group, with the exception of two of us working in Africa. We looked at elements of transformational learning, and this was then fed into another work group that plans to write new courses for Asia. So the two groups worked closely together and looked at the learning elements, as well as how to begin a comprehensive course writers programme again.

The plan is to start writer workshops in three different countries in Asia in 2017. That is quite exciting as new contemporary courses addressing relevant issues are needed urgently.

It was a very fruitful meeting, especially as we are doing the very same thing here in Malawi at the moment. In TEEM, we are developing a new Old Testament survey course which is very different in its approach and



emphasis from the way we normally do our courses. Much thinking has gone into the course, and it was a great opportunity to be able to share about this at the conference in Malaysia.

After the workshop in Malaysia, I visited South Africa to attend the 40th anniversary celebrations of TEE College in South Africa, as well as discussing possible cooperation with them. Both meetings were very fruitful.

We are still testing our new Old Testament course at the moment, and so far the response has been very positive. The course is discussion-based and we were able to discuss relevant cultural issues when we meet on Saturday morning.



## Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for safety while travelling, as well as very good meetings in Malaysia and South Africa.
- Pray that our new Old Testament course will be ready in time and that we can better understand how our students learn best.

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