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### MALAWI

**Location:** Zomba

**Mission:** Theological Education & Music Ministry

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In April, the first group of students started our newly designed Old Testament TEE course, 'Knowing God – the beginning.' It is a new Christian Old Testament survey course for lay people. The interest in the course was very good. Initially 20 people signed up, but unfortunately not all were able to attend the first two meetings as we met on a Saturday. We had 17 attending the last meeting. When I return from my travels, we will start another group during the week, as a good number of other people have also indicated that they would like to study the course too. This is a wonderful development as it means that we really can test how the new course is received by the students. And of course, we are delighted that people are interested in knowing more about God.

We have also heard some good news about a growing number of students in Blantyre joining the lay training course. Two churches in Blantyre recently started new groups - one church registered around 40 students for the lay training course, which is very exciting! We are also started a conversation with two smaller denominations about training their pastors through our material. These pastors are church leaders who have had little or no theological training.



At the time of writing, I am at a TEE conference in Malaysia, where a group of theological educators is meeting to discuss how to improve church-based education (including TEE). Last year, we had an informative conference, but now a few of us are meeting seeking some tangible outcomes for church-based education programmes in Asia - the results of which will also be applicable in Africa.

## Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for the interest in our new courses.
- Pray that the new Old Testament course will be ready in time and that we can better understand how our students learn best.
- Pray also for Volker's travels and for God's guidance for the workshop in Malaysia.