

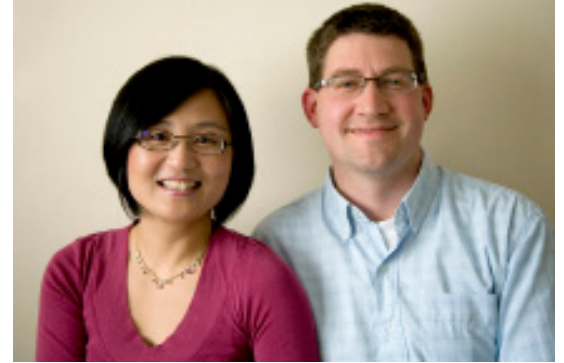
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Location: Zomba

Mission: Theological Education & Music Ministry

Volker is the Executive Director of one of PCI's long-term partners: TEEM (Theological Education by Extension in Malawi).



Over the last couple of months, I shared about TEEM's new Old Testament course. One of the key differences to other courses is that the new course basically is all in story form. The Biblical books from Genesis to 2 Kings use a very similar approach. The course is one long story about God establishing His kingdom on earth through His people.

When the TEE group meets, we discuss the text and its meaning and application. We choose this approach as we wanted to find better ways to communicate the Biblical text and stories about God to those who don't read (or don't read regularly). One calculation estimates that 80% of the world's population doesn't read regularly - they listen to the radio or each other for information.

Over the summer months, some discussion took place with another mission agency to see if they could use our new material amongst a Malawian tribal group that is predominantly oral. It was agreed that the material would be very suitable, and they really appreciated the connection through stories. It is hoped that the people will easily relate to the stories and remember them, and that they will also see how God works through the stories.

Now, we have to do some revision of the course and brush it up a bit and make some points clearer. Once this is done, we will translate the course and also make it available in an audio form, so that people can listen to it.

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for the new course and that it has created some interest from another mission agency.
- Praise the Lord that a project was agreed to translate the material.
- Pray that the revision, which needs to be done in a short period of time, will sharpen the course and especially better highlight the link to the Messianic kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.