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### MALAWI

**Location:** Zomba

**Mission:** Theological Education & Music Ministry

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

Over the last couple of months I shared about TEEM's new Old Testament course. The revision is progressing slowly but steadily. We have learned a lot from interviewing our students about how they perceived the course and how they learned from it.

One comment of one learner – Chimwemwe, an older Christian – illustrates the advantage of our course and our emphasis on group learning.

*Chimwemwe said, "I would say, generally, my whole approach to the Bible is much better now. In school we learned Bible knowledge. We are learning these things as for examinations, but the approach you have taken, and the simple English that you have written the material in, has helped me to understand the whole concept of the Old Testament, up to the time that Jesus Christ was born.*

*And now I have a clear picture of why these things happen, that God had this idea of making the world, then placing human beings inside in, so that they can live in harmony with God, as well as with fellow human beings.*

*I find the course very, very intriguing and helpful. In the past, we used to know about the Bible for studies and passing exams. But really we were just forced to recite or to memorise*



*the Bible verses and just accept the Bible as a dogma. Not as something that relates to the human life.*

*Now I know that the Bible can be applied to everyday issues and the way we live. It is very important for somebody to get that idea, to know exactly how to go about reading the Bible, praying and also trying to associate with fellow human beings as a society. And that is very important."*

We are delighted by such comments and other good feedback on the impact of the new course. Much thought and effort went into the new course, in terms of content, spirituality and in seeking to develop independent learners who can engage with the Bible by themselves.

Finally, we appreciate your prayers for the course and for our family. Thank you.

## Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for the new course and how well it has been received. Pray for Volker and his colleagues as they think about translating it into Chichewa.
- Praise the Lord for the revision work that is progressing well. Pray that the revision work will sharpen the course further and highlight the link to the Messianic Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ better.

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