

Malawi means "flaming waters"... an allusion to the reflections of the setting sun on Lake Malawi.

PRAY FOR...

*The physical needs faced by Malawians due to a poor harvest and fuel increase.

* The 3 annual conferences taking place in August. Pray for a strong, godly superintendent to be elected.

* Peace for us and wisdom for Dr. Borgstein as Curtis has surgery for a hydrocele.

*A team of 9 from Marysville FM church, preparing to help with our youth camp in Aug.

CALENDAR

July 9th and 23rd– Ryan trains leaders in Luchenza

July 10–Kara's 4th Birthday

July 13-15- Ryan & Jen anniversary at Lake Malawi

July 16– Mission Board Mtg.

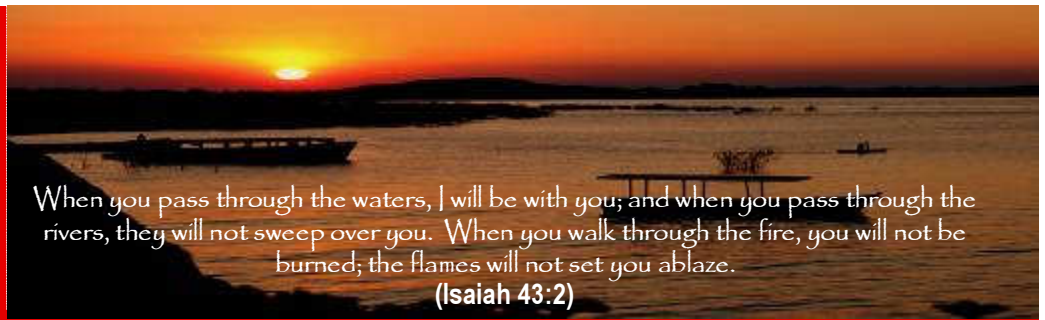
July 18th-Curtis' hydrocele surgery at CURE Hospital

July 20– Install Pastor Goodson Phiri in Thuchila

July 27– Install Pastor Kamowa in Chiringa

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A Young Boy Gives...

Malawi is a country that is in need of resources. Food, clothes, money, jobs and the list goes on. Though the country lacks many things we are convinced that Jesus uses what we offer to him. He is able to multiply what we give him. We see this in the story of the boy who offered 5 loaves of bread and two small fish and Jesus used that to feed more than 5,000 people! Pastor Jason Armstrong (Free Methodist pastor from Alaska) and his son Zach recently visited Malawi and worked with us for two weeks conducting leadership training throughout the southern region of Malawi.



Zach Armstrong

The trainings went very well but it was the gift of faith that 7 year old Zach brought to Malawi that will multiply in ways we will never fully understand. When Zach found out he was coming to Malawi and learned that there were many orphans, he asked his church, friends, teachers and classmates at his public school in Alaska if they would donate money to help the orphans in Malawi. With the help of these people he was able to raise over \$1,000 dollars to help the orphans in Malawi! He used this money to help over 100 orphans by giving each of them a blanket, Children's Bible in the Chichewa language, pencil, notebook, soap and toothbrush. In addition, he also made sure each child received the gospel message through a "salvation bracelet" that all the orphans made when they met together. Just as the disciples recognized that the crowd of 5,000 people were hungry, Zach knew it was important to provide some juice and cookies because some children had come a long distance and were hungry.



Saying goodbye!

Leadership Training

John Wesley once said, "You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work." We definitely feel spent as we have been busy training pastors and leaders in the southern region of Malawi. Pastor Jason Armstrong was with Ryan for two weeks to conduct trainings. The first training was with a group of Mozambican leaders that our Malawian missionary, Langbuoy Banda works with.

Pastor Jason trained on The History and Theology of the Free Methodist Church. We then drove north to Balaka and spent two days training 40 leaders on the qualities of an overseer taken from 1 Timothy 3. Next, it was time for a rest at Mvuu Camp to enjoy a safari and then on to Lake Malawi. Finally, we drove south of Blantyre to spend a couple more days training leaders on some principles of evangelism. The leaders were able to put the things they learned into practice as they went door to door witnessing and inviting people to come to a



Pastor Jason Armstrong

showing of the Jesus Film. Over 500 people came to see this with many people repenting from sin. As we continue to train leaders I am reminded that it is privilege to be spent for the sake of the gospel!

Women's Ministry



Jen recently had the privilege of meeting with a group of women at a FM Church near Mt. Mulanje to help them plan an

orphan care project. They are meeting together to knit sweaters to sell and are saving their profits to purchase chickens and the necessary materials to raise them. The hope is that they will have a long-term, self-sustaining income that can be used to buy food, soap, blankets, school supplies, medical expenses, etc. for the orphans and elderly in their village.

Jen spent this last weekend with the pastors wives & delegates of the Southern Conference. She taught many times on topics such as joy in trials, faith in action, God's design for marriage and our role as

wives, the qualities of a godly leader and ways that lay leaders can support their pastors. She even preached on Sunday!



Famine in Malawi

Along with many countries, the fuel prices in Malawi have gone up drastically in recent weeks. We are currently paying \$7.33 per gallon. As a result, the price of food and other commodities has skyrocketed. Since Malawi is one of the worlds' poorest countries, this has already greatly affected the people here. We are bracing for a very difficult year since there is already a food crisis due to a poor harvest. Most of our pastors

have harvested less than 1/2 of what they need for the year and some have nothing at all! The current price for a bag of maize (the staple food) is \$22 (compared with \$7 per bag the same time last year). This price is expected to reach more than \$44 by the end of

the year—completely out of reach for people who make less than \$1 per day. Another concern is the increase in fertilizer from \$32 per bag last year to a current price of \$72 per bag. This will most certainly affect next year's harvest. Please remember the Malawian people in your prayers as they struggle to meet their daily needs. If you would like to help, you can contact us about making a donation to the Bishop's Famine & Relief Fund.



Missionary Kid Snapshots

In May Curtis broke his arm when a friends' large dog knocked him over. He had surgery at CURE Hospital (where Jen had surgery in Oct.) and after 7 weeks his cast is now off. He will have another surgery for a "hydrocele" this month. We are blessed to have found a Dutch pediatric surgeon



with a urology specialty to do this privately at CURE.



Curtis & Kara have enjoyed playing with our 4 puppies and new Great Dane, Nicky.

This month Curtis ran in a school "sports day" and Kara got her first real haircut! Their last day of school was July 4th.



Faces of the Month

Photos this month are courtesy of Pastor Jason Armstrong



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