



Bill, Melody,  
William & Hannah

# Missionaries to Malawi, Africa

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Acts 28:31  
Preaching the kingdom of God, and  
teaching those things which concern  
the Lord Jesus Christ, with all  
confidence, no man forbidding him.

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Dear Dr. & Mrs. O'Malley & John,

We want to thank our dependable Pastors and their church families, as well as our dear Christian friends, who are graciously helping us with our Gospel tract ministry. I use \$130.00 of the money that you faithfully send us every month to buy 12,000 Chichewa Gospel Tracts. Plus, The Fellowship Tract League and Chick Publications regularly send us Gospel tracts in Chichewa, English, Portuguese, and Arabic. We also have 3 other Christian friends who send us more Gospel tracts through the postal system. These Gospel tracts have been very effective tools in helping us to reach the masses of people in Malawi.

Here is an excerpt from a letter from Christopher McDaniel Khololo that I have recently received in the mail; "I am a young man, who is 17 years of age, and I am studying at Namikhate Secondary School in the village of Mwambo in the town of Jali. After I was given one of your Chichewa Gospel Tracts from a friend of mine, I read it a few times. Then I bowed my head and asked the Lord Jesus to save me. **Now, I know that Jesus Christ is my Saviour.** Please send me a Chichewa Bible, so I can read it day by day and have power in Christ." I have answered 120 letters similar to this one in the last two months. Through my efforts and the work of our National Pastors and their church workers, we have had a total of 30 new salvation decisions in our personal evangelism and preaching ministries. **We want to thank you all for praying for us, our pastors, and praying for all of our Christian workers as they serve the Lord. Please also remember to pray for these new believers in Christ.**

I have recently achieved one of my long term goals for our Malawian disciples in February. One glaring fact that you will quickly see when you come here is the lack of good, Scriptural Bible materials. As a matter of fact, I have not seen any adequate Bible materials that I could use in my ministry here. I have begun to print and to assemble my first 50 booklets for our pastors. **The title of this first section is "Babes In Christ - New Believers." They contain 7 Bible lessons and 1 Special Bible lesson in English and Chichewa. These Bible lessons are on Salvation, The Assurance of Salvation, The Word of God, Baptism, Reading The Word of God, The Local Church, Soul Winning and Witnessing, and the Special lesson is on Giving.** Lord willing, I plan to produce 50 booklets a month. Our pastors want to use them in their Sunday Schools, their Bible Clubs, and in their Primary and Secondary Schools. Our first step was to win and to train numerous disciples (of which we are still continually doing) for the work of the ministry. Now, we are giving them the tools, so they can do the work of God themselves.

We, all, have been doing fine except for a few minor colds, sniffles, and aches. William and Hannah are presently in potty training. They are doing very well although they have not mastered it as of yet. William ran to his mother the other day and excitedly said, "I have done my business (not exactly his words but close) in the potty." Melody went to see the results. One little speck was in the potty and one big blob was on the floor. She still gave him two lollypops for trying.

Hannah went to the Hair Boutique (Salon) last week for the first time to get her hair trimmed. She did very well although she was a little stiff and unusually quiet. Melody and I praised her for being such a good little girl. The children were playing outside, and our worker, Wells Mwachande, was watching them. Melody was busy doing some cleaning jobs in the house. William was doing something that he shouldn't have been doing. Wells told him to stop it, but he kept on doing it. Then Little Hannah said, "William, obey Wells." That's our little girl for you. She is always trying to keep her little brother out of trouble.

Your fellow labourers in the Gospel,

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