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1 John 5:12
He that hath the Son hath life: and he
that hath not the Son of God hath not
life.

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Dear Pastor & Church Family,

These last two months have been very difficult ones financially, but very fruitful ones spiritually. Prices of things have continued to rise steadily. The price of gasoline is now up to \$2.80 a gallon, and the postage rates to the States have doubled up to \$0.63 for a one page letter. My 4-Wheel Toyota Truck was also in the shop for one week for some various repairs. We do want to thank many of our supporting Pastors and their church families and many of our dear Christian friends for helping us with these truck repairs. We do gratefully appreciate your gracious and bountiful giving by helping us with these unexpected needs.

The Lord has abundantly blessed our ministry here by giving us much fruit during these last two months. Our National Pastors and their church workers have brought 89 Malawians to the Lord in their own villages. During a chapel service at our Good Samaritan Baptist Bible College in Mapanga, 25 first time students asked the Lord to save them. In my preaching services at our churches in Zomba, 6 Malawians received Jesus Christ as their Saviour. We presently have 400 Malawian male and female students attending our Good Samaritan Baptist Bible College while we also have 100 students attending our Zomba Baptist Bible College. I personally want to thank Brother Gardiner Gentry for helping us with the Good Samaritan Baptist Bible College. He helps us by raising most of the funds for this Bible College, and he helps us by teaching in the Bible College. He has been a great encouragement to my heart, and he has also taught me many things about the work of ministry. He also helps me teach at our Zomba Baptist Bible College.

I always delight in hearing about our men leading their own people to the Lord. Kenneth Chakalamba gave this personal testimony at the opening day ceremonies at our Zomba Baptist Bible College last week. One of our National Pastors, Patrick Majiya, was witnessing to Kenneth in his village about a month ago. He gave him one of our Chichewa Gospel Tracts, "Choose Ye This Day Whom Ye Will Serve----Jesus Christ Or The Devil!," and began telling him how he could be saved by grace. Kenneth was an active Jehovah's Witness. Kenneth told Pastor Majiya that his Gospel was wonderful. After Pastor Majiya finished giving him the Gospel, Kenneth bowed his head and asked the Lord to save him. I told him that he was Jehovah's False Witness, but now he is Jehovah's True Witness. Praise God for His saving grace!

We had a extra special blessing in April. Melody's mother, Mama Heffernan, came to visit us for three months. Melody is having a wonderful time talking to and doing things with her mother. William and Hannah have also been enjoying their Nana's visit. She has been reading to them, playing with them, and she has also been helping Melody take care of some of their daily needs. We have all been enjoying her stay with us.

Nana was reading a Bible story to William the other night about Mary anointing Jesus' feet with some costly ointment. After looking at the picture for a few minutes, he exclaimed, "The woman is washing his boo-boo's." Hannah likes to sing the Patch The Pirate song, "Hippo-Crittty." They are growing up very quickly. Melody will be home schooling them in a few years.

We want to thank our faithful, supporting Pastors and their church families and our many Christian friends for their daily prayers for us, our National Pastors, their families, as well as their church families, and for our many numerous and various ministries. We also want to thank you all for your abundant and sacrificial giving that makes it possible for us to take the Gospel to the dying and untold millions here in Malawi, Africa.

Your ambassadors in Malawi,

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