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Subject: The Ashbury Family, January-February, 2003 Prayer Letter.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2003

Dear Dr. & Mrs. O'Malley,

We have already had a busy and a fruitful New Year during these last two months. Our gracious Lord has been opening several new doors for us. We have started a new church in Makalanga Village, and Lord willing, we will be starting a new Bible College in a village at Bvumbwe on Thursday, April 3rd. We have been making plans for the opening of our Zomba Baptist Bible College at Matiti Village on Saturday, April 5th. We have also been in the process of getting things ready for our upcoming furlough at the end of this year from November, 2003 through October, 2004.

Makalanga Village is only located about a mile down the hill from our house. We have been asking the village chief from time to time for the last six years if he would give us permission to start a church in his village. But he has always told us, "No." Then last November he told us, "Yes." So we had our opening day service on Sunday, December 22nd. We began with 15 church members, and we presently have 70 church members consisting of 37 families. Last Sunday we had a total of 103 people during our Sunday morning preaching service. Wells Mwachande and Shadrack are the leaders there, and Aaron Kachimanga has been faithfully helping them do the work of the ministry.

Our Sunday morning schedule begins with a Discipleship Class at 8:00 A.M., a Sunday School Class at 9:30 A.M., and a preaching service at 11:00 A.M.

We conclude with an invitational service at about 12:30

P.M., and then we go home. Our church members requested that we have a Discipleship Class for those Christians who wanted to come and to learn more about the Word of God and about their precious Lord. We have had 20 church members who have faithfully attended these classes during the month of February.

During these last two months, 25 people have been saved through the ministry of our new church.

Please

pray for the growth of these new Christians as they learn His Word.

Four pastors from Bvumbwe came to my house in January and asked me if they could work with us, The Fundamental Baptist Churches Of Malawi. After praying about this matter and after having three meetings with them, I decided that we could work with these faithful men in the ministry. I have visited two of

their churches just recently, and we will be starting The Bvumbwe Fundamental Baptist Bible College at Chiwaya Baptist Church on Thursday, April 3rd. Please remember this new ministry in prayer as the Lord brings it to your mind.

Our National Pastors in Zomba have also been faithfully serving their Lord. They have given me reports telling me that 35 people have been saved through their church services and that many Christians have come to the altar to get things right in their lives with the Lord. Four of our National Pastors in Zomba

went to an island located in Lake Chilwa to conduct many evangelistic meetings where many people came to ask the Lord Jesus Christ to save them. We are thankful for our godly, National Pastors who faithfully serve their Lord in their churches and in their villages and who have God-honoring, Christian testimonies with unbelievers and with Christians in their villages and in the cities of Malawi. Please pray for these men fervently as they are on the front battle line battling sin, self, and Satan and pray for them as they steadfastly "keep on keeping on" for their Lord.

A Malawian man, Benjamin Kawalewale, came to my front gate and asked to see me. He was a middle-aged man who spoke English very well. He asked me if I had any teaching positions open in any of my Bible Colleges. I told him that I did not have any teaching positions open, and then I asked him if he was a Christian. He told me, "Yes." Then I asked him how he became a Christian. He told me, "I have been baptized." After I explained the Gospel to him, he humbly bowed his head and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save him. Three days later he came back to see me again. He brought a friend with him, and then I led him to the Lord. Before Brother Benjamin left for home, I gave him some Bible study books that I had promised him during our first visit. Both of these men are now faithful members in our new church

in Makalanga Village.

We want to thank you all for your daily, effectual prayers for the Ashbury Family, for our many National Pastors, and for our various and diverse ministries. We also want to thank you for your sufficient giving that takes care of our needs and that enables us to produce fruit on your behalf. We also want to thank our supporting churches and Christian friends for helping us with our Malawian Hunger Project. Your benevolent giving provided 175 - 50 kg. bags of maize during these last two months for many of our faithful, poor, hungry, and needy Christians in our churches in the villages of Makalanga, Wahlala, Bvumbwe, and Zomba. Some of this maize was also given to the unsaved loved ones of some of our church members. We do greatly appreciate your sacrificial gifts of love, and we do praise our Lord for His countless blessings to His people.

**Special Needs - Airplane Tickets For The Ashbury
Family's Upcoming Furlough
\$2500.00 USD**

Chichewa Bibles - \$500.00 USD

Your fellow laborers in the Lord,

Bill, Melody, William, & Hannah