

Missionaries To Malawi, Africa

The Ashbury Family

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<u>Sending Church:</u>	<u>Field Address:</u>	<u>Acts 18:8</u>
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Dear Pastor & Church Family,

We want to thank you and your church family for your many reliable and effective prayers for us, for our National Pastors and their church workers, and for our other various ministries. Our gracious Lord has answered your faithful prayers in the past, and He still continues to answer them today. Many unbelievers have been saved, many Christians are being trained to do God's work ---- His way, and many new churches are being planted throughout the villages of Malawi. We also want to thank you all for your bountiful and sacrificial giving that enables us to do His work and to produce fruit on your behalf. Our Malawian Christians also want to thank everyone, who gave to “The Malawian Hunger Fund.” Because of your charitable giving, we were able to distribute 300-50 kg bags of maize during these two months to many of our poor, crippled, elderly, needy, and faithful Christians as well as many other unsaved people in the villages of Malawi.

During these last two months, 65 men, women, and children were saved at our new church in Makalanga Village. Our National Pastors in Bvumbwe have reported to me that 71 people were saved through their ministries, and our National Pastors in Zomba have reported to me that 37 people were saved through their ministries. During my Sunday morning preaching meetings, 55 people asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save them. Please remember to pray for these new Christians as they grow “in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Our two Bible Colleges in Bvumbwe and in Zomba have been going very well. I am teaching 50 men and 30 women about Baptist Doctrine at our Bible College in Bvumbwe. Pastor Sungani, a Christian man whom I have personally trained, is teaching 60 men at our Bible College in Zomba about the Books in The New Testament. My wife, Melody, is also teaching 40 ladies in Zomba about “The Christian Character Of A Godly Woman” from Proverbs 31. I take care of William and Hannah as they make their weekly rounds of playing in the dirt, of playing games, and of looking for chickens and goats in the village. Please remember to pray for our teachers and to pray for our students that they will put into practice the many things that they have learned about obeying God's word and about doing His will.

William and Hannah are growing up very quickly. William will be five in June, and Hannah will be four in October. William likes to help me drive my blue truck by telling me what to do. As we were driving back from our Zomba Bible College last Saturday, he told me, “Da, You go too fast! Da, Why did you hit that bump? Da, Why did you do that?” He also told me, “Da, Me no can see!” I told him that you do not need to see. I can see and that is the most important thing. Hannah comes up with some funny things too. She asks a lot of questions and if you do not answer her, she will say, “Da, Answer me!” Her mother tells her sometimes when she is busy that she only has two hands and that she is not an octopus. Melody has shown

Hannah some pictures of an octopus in a magazine that we have, so she knows what they look like. So Melody asked Hannah to get some things out of the car this morning. Hannah said, "Ma, Me only have two hands ----- Me no octopus." Please remember to pray for William and Hannah that they will get saved at a very early age and that they will serve their God faithfully all their lives.

We are getting ready for our upcoming second furlough. Lord willing, we will be flying out of Lilongwe on British Airways on Sunday night, October 26th at 7:00 P.M. Malawi time. We will be arriving in the States at Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C. on October 27th. Please remember to pray with us concerning our special need of \$2500.00 for the buying of our airline tickets

Serving by His grace,

Bill Ashbury for the family

Bill, Melody, William, & Hannah

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