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Subject: JUL-AUG, 2003 PRAYER LETTER From MISSIONARY BILL ASHBURY

MISSIONARIES TO MALAWI, AFRICA

THE ASHBURY FAMILY

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"As ye have therefore received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7)

Dear Pastor & Church Family,

We want to thank our faithful, supporting churches for your effectual prayers for us, for our National Pastors and their church families, and for our many other various and diverse ministries. We also want to thank you all for your abundant and sacrificial giving that enables us to do the work of the ministry on your behalf. Melody thanks you. William and Hannah thank you. I thank you. And our Malawian Christians thank you ----- zikomo kwambiri.

This is a time of mixed emotions for all of us as we look ahead to our upcoming second furlough in the States. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing our beloved family members whom we have not seen in four years as well as our dear Christian friends. This is our great joy. But we are deeply saddened that we will be leaving our beloved Christian brethren here in Malawi. Please remember us in your prayers as we, Lord willing, will be flying out of Lilongwe, Malawi on Sunday night, October 26th, and arriving in Washington, D.C. on Monday afternoon, October 27th.

This is a time when people inevitably ask me, "Who will be taking your place while you are gone?" I happily tell them that the godly, Christian men and women whom we have disciplined in the last four years will faithfully and will efficiently carry on the ministry of the Fundamental Baptist Churches of Malawi. Pastor Frank Nyambalo will lead our men in Zomba. Pastor Kwame Kamwendo will lead our work in Bvumbwe. Pastor Messick Manderu will lead our men in Namadzi. Brother Wells Mwachande will lead our church in Makalanga Village. Many of our Christian ladies like Rose Jana, Lois Wallace, Mary Gomelo, Ruth Kalilima, and Chrissy Mkombe will faithfully lead our ladies. We have given them Chichewa Bibles to help them grow in the Lord. We

have consistently disciplined them in the teachings of the Word of God. We have equipped them with numerous Bible lessons that they can use in their daily ministries. We have shown them the way to serve their Lord with our lives. Now, it is time for them to put into practice the things that they have seen and learned. This is their time to shine for their precious Lord.

Our gracious Lord has abundantly blessed us with much fruit during these past two months. Melody led a Muslim lady, Flora Stambuli, to the Lord today. Evangelist Shadrick Mwachande also led a Malawian witch doctor to the Lord today in the town of Matewale. His name is Benson. In my Sunday morning preaching meetings, 65 people have come to ask the Lord to save them. Our National Pastors have reported to me that 72 people have been saved through their local church ministries. Our Bible Colleges in Bvumbwe and Zomba have closed down for the year. Our Bible students took their final tests. Then we had a time of prayer, a time of encouraging singing, a time of challenging preaching, a time of fellowshiping with the brethren, and a time of eating food. Our Bible College in Namadzi will be continuing on until the end of October. We also had to reschedule our Annual Church Conference to Friday night, October 3rd through Sunday afternoon, October 5th due to some ministry related problems. Please remember to pray for our National Pastors and their families as well as their church families as they carry on the work for their Lord. Please also remember to pray that our Lord will bless our upcoming, rescheduled church conference in October.

We also want to thank our family members, our supporting churches, and our Christian friends for helping us with the purchasing of our airline tickets. We do appreciate all of your love gifts very much, and we are looking forward to seeing you all again face to face very soon.

Your fellow laborers in Malawi, Africa

The Ashbury Family