



Melody, Bill  
Hannah & William

# Missionaries to Malawi, Africa

## The Ashbury Family

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**John 9:4**  
I must work the works of him that  
sent me, while it is day: the night  
cometh, when no man can work.

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Dear Pastor & Church Family,

We, the Ashbury family, want to thank our supporting churches for your reliable and effectual prayers for us, for our National Pastors and their church families, and for praying for our many other various and assorted ministries. We want to thank you all for your gracious and sacrificial giving that enables us to do what God has called us to do. We also want to thank many of our supporting churches for increasing our monthly, financial support, and we are delighted that Pastor John Jordan and his church family at First Baptist Church in Laurel, IN have taken us on for some new support. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

During these last two months, we have participated in seven mission conferences and in three missionary meetings. We had a very pleasant time giving ministry reports to many of our supporting churches, and we have enjoyed seeing and fellowshiping with many of our beloved Christian friends again. We also had the joy of meeting several new Christian friends. William had some successful dental surgery done on his teeth last month, and I had some dental work done too. Please remember to pray for William as he has some more dental surgery scheduled in September, and he will be starting some speech classes next month to help him with some minor speech problems.

I was able to talk with one of my church leaders in Malawi, Wells Mwachande, last month concerning the progress of our churches. He told me that everything was going fine except for a few minor problems of which our National Pastors have been successfully handling. He also mailed me several reports from our churches. Our National Pastors and their church workers have won 36 people to the Lord, and they have consistently given out 2,000 English and 12,000 Chichewa Gospel tracts every month. They have also continued to disciple many new believers, to encourage our church brethren, and to faithfully carry on the work of the ministry for their Lord. Please pray for our National Pastors and pray for the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Malawi on May 15th. And please pray for my upcoming trip to Malawi from July 16th - August 12th for the purpose of encouraging our National Pastors and their church families.

I am thankful to my Lord for giving me a lovely and a godly wife and for giving William and Hannah a splendid mother. She takes good care of our children as well as my needs. She travels thousands of miles across the country. She gives testimonies, and she teaches Bible lessons at our mission conferences and our missionary meetings. She constantly gathers home schooling materials to equip herself to teach our children many things during our third term on the field. She took good care of my mother while she was in the hospital last month, and she also helped my Nanny during this time. And she spoke at a Mother-Daughter Banquet at Good News Baptist Church in Greer, SC last week. Please pray for Melody as she effectively and efficiently goes about her daily activities being a wife, a mother, a teacher, and a missionary.

Serving for His glory,

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