



Melody, Bill
Hannah & William

Missionaries To The People Of Malawi, Africa

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Psalm 68:6

"God setteth the solitary in families:
he bringeth out those which are bound
with chains: but the rebellious dwell
in a dry land."

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Dear PASTOR,

Greetings from the Ashbury family in Malawi, Africa! We had a long and tiring trip flying back to our field of service. But it was a trouble free trip as well as a hassle free one. William and Hannah had an adventurous and an exciting trip. They enjoyed playing on the indoor playground at Heathrow International Airport in London, England. We wanted to thank you all for your faithful prayers for us while we were traveling back to Malawi. Our gracious God answered your prayers in many marvelous ways. We did not lose one piece of luggage, not one of them was damaged, and all the items were still properly in their places. The customs' officers were even nice. They did not even check one of our suitcases. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We found our house to be in fairly good condition except for some dead spiders, many spider webs, and a lot of dust and mildew. Our workers, Wells and Shadrack Mwachande, did an excellent job watching over our property, taking care of our personal business, and by looking after the needs of our ministry. We have a great God, who can provide us with the right people when we need them.

Little William asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save him on Thursday afternoon, April 21st at 1:00 P.M. We had been teaching him about the way to be saved. He understood the simplicity of the Gospel, but he had a fear of being baptized. We explained to him that God wanted him to be saved first, then He would give him the grace to be baptized later. Thanks so much for praying with us about this need. Please pray that William will continue to grow in the Lord as we teach him, and pray that Hannah will be saved soon.

Our children have been a great blessing to us. They can come up with some of the most humorous sayings and with some of the most serious questions. Melody was teaching William and Hannah about the serpent in the Garden of Eden. After she had finished her Bible lesson, Hannah said, "God told the snake that he was not going to give him any legs." I was dumping some of our trash in the trash pit which is in the back yard away from our house. After we dump the trash, we burn it. I told William that this trash pit is a picture of hell. He looked down into the pit and said, "Is the devil down there?"

We also wanted to thank you all for your sacrificial and faithful giving which enables us to do God's will for our lives. We consider it an honor and a privilege to be co-laborers with you in the ministry. We are very happy to be back here in Malawi ministering to our beloved Malawian people.

We love you, and we are looking forward, Lord willing, to being your ambassadors to the people of Malawi, Africa during these next four years.

If you do have an E-Mail address, please send it to me at ashbury@africa-online.net. This will help me to get my future prayer letters to you in a much quicker and less expensive way.

Serving by His grace,
Bill, Melody, William, & Hannah



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