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Hannah & William

# Missionaries To The People Of Malawi, Africa

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*Proverbs 4:18*

*"But the path of the just is as  
the shining light, that shineth  
more and more unto the  
perfect day."*

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Dear Praying Saints,

William and Hannah are making good progress with their school work. Both of them are in the 1st grade now. I teach them their Bible class first, and then their Mama teaches them reading, phonics/vocabulary, handwriting, spelling, and mathematics. I also teach them Physical Education on Tuesday and on Thursday afternoons. They are hilarious to watch while they are doing their jumping jacks. Their arms go one way and their legs go another way. They try very hard, but they can't seem to coordinate their arms and their legs together yet. They are learning to play soccer and to shoot marbles after they do their exercises. Please pray that they will continue to grow physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.

William celebrated his 8th birthday on Friday, June 23rd. It's hard to believe that he is eight years old. Children do grow up quickly, don't they? We took him out to the Hong Kong Restaurant, where he ate some delicious sweet 'n' sour chicken. We had his birthday party at our house, and he invited many of his Malawian friends to come and to celebrate it with him. They played many different games like "Indoor Volleyball," "Musical Chairs" and "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." When they won a game, I rewarded them with some candy. All of the children had a delightful time. Melody made William a chocolate cake with chocolate icing on it and decorated it with a train running on a railroad track. She also served the children some vanilla ice cream with Hershey's chocolate syrup on it. After they ate, William opened up numerous birthday cards and many birthday presents. William wanted me to thank our dear family members and our thoughtful Christian friends, who had sent him all of those birthday cards as well as his many birthday presents. He had a wonderful 8th birthday thanks to you all.

We wanted to thank you all for helping us with the need of buying some Chichewa Bibles for our National Pastors and for our Malawian Christians. Musterpher Kadindi wrote me a letter telling me about his new faith in Jesus Christ: "I wanted to inform you about my Christianity. Before I became born again I did bad behavior like using African witch doctors, smoking chamba (marijuana), and drinking beer. But Pastor Boniface Kalilima came to my house and he was teaching me about the dangers of sin. He read and explained Romans 6:23 to me. So after his teaching, I surrendered my life to Jesus. Now, I am a good Christian. I am happy because God changed my life. Thank you very much for the Bible that you have given me."

A young Christian lady, Thokozani Mboma, wrote this letter of thanks: "I would like to thank God for this Bible which is the most important book in our daily spiritual life. This Bible will help to improve my spiritual life, and my friends will also be saved in many ways because of the words from this Bible which



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I will be teaching them.” Another Christian lady writes this letter of thanks to you all: “I would like to thank God for the wonderful, precious gift you have given me. The word of God encourages us that salvation is the only way to heaven and it helps us grow in spiritual life. And the Bible is the most treasured book in our daily life. I am much grateful that I will benefit more in my life with this Bible.”

I had several preaching meetings in Blantyre and in Zomba. Two young men and two young ladies were saved in my meeting at M'Meya Fundamental Baptist Church. Five children also came forward to ask the Lord to save them at this meeting. Four of our National Pastors visited a church in Ndirande. Two men were saved at this meeting. Our National Pastors have led 12 people to the Lord during these last two months. We gave all of these new believers in Christ a new Bible to help them grow in the Lord. We thank our mighty God for His wonderful blessings to us as we do His will.

We wanted to thank you all for your faithful prayers for us, for our National Pastors and their families, and for praying for our various ministries. We wanted to thank you all for your generous and sacrificial giving that you send us which takes care of our family needs as well as the needs of our ministry. We do greatly appreciate all of the things that you all are doing for us and for the many things that you have done for us. Our National Pastors thank you. Melody thanks you. William and Hannah thank you. And I thank you! We thank all of you whom have sent us photo paper. This photo paper is something which we can't buy here, but this is something that we can use to print our own family and ministry pictures. We thank all of you whom have sent us reading glasses too. We have already given out several of these reading glasses to our National Pastors as well to many of our Malawian Christians.

We are looking forward to having a great 8th Annual Church Conference of the Fundamental Baptist Churches of Malawi in August. Dr. Danny Whetstone will be preaching our conference for us this year. Our conference theme is “Giving Our All to the Lord” which is taken from 1 Chronicles 21:23 when Ornan told King David, “I give it all.” It will begin on Friday morning, August 4<sup>th</sup>, and end on Sunday afternoon, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Enock Jana and his church family at Njale Fundamental Baptist Church will be hosting it for us. Please remember to pray for our church conference. Pray that our mighty God will use this conference to bring lost sinners to him and to send revival to His people.

Serving by His grace,

Bill, Melody, William, & Hannah