



MISSIONARIES TO MALAWI, AFRICA
THE ASHBURY FAMILY PRAYER LETTER
DECEMBER 2009

Dear Friends,

We wanted to wish you all a very *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!* We also wanted to thank you for your conscientious and effectual prayers for us, for our National Pastors and their church families, and for praying for our various ministries. And we wanted to thank you for your gracious and sacrificial giving which takes care of our every need. Our National Pastors and our Malawian Christians. Thank you too for all of the many things which you have done for them in the last year. We consider it an honor to be your missionaries in Malawi, Africa, and without you all, we could not have successfully done the will of our Lord. We rejoice in the Lord over the many souls that have been saved, the numerous churches which have been planted, and the spiritual fruit which has been produced because of your faithful prayers and giving.

Here are some praises and prayer requests regarding our family, our people, and our ministry:

1. Praising the Lord for giving us a good beginning to our rainy season. The early rains have come gently and nicely, and maize plants are sprouting up everywhere. It's a wonderful sight to behold!
2. Five more men and women have been recently saved in our Sunday morning worship services. **Pray that they will grow in the Lord and that they will develop a strong Christian character.**
3. Pray for the severe diesel and petrol (gasoline) fuel shortage that we are presently experiencing here due to a lack of foreign forex. Petrol is getting very difficult to find and waiting in line for a full tank can take as long as twelve hours and in some cases more than that. The American Embassy has warned all Americans here about not getting in these long petrol lines because there has been a lot of fighting in these lines. Wells, my driver, has been getting the petrol for me.
4. **Pray for us as we endeavor to get things ready here for our departure back to the States to begin our 3rd furlough on March 10th, 2010.**
5. **Pray for the Chiwaya Fundamental Baptist Church Youth Rally** which will be taking place on the 23rd and the 24th of December. Fifty young people will be in attendance for this meeting. **Pray that those who are lost will be saved and that those who are saved will draw close to God.**
6. **Pray that we will be able to complete the Makalanga Church Project before we come home on furlough in the Spring.** The petrol shortage is making it difficult to travel, and it has caused a shortage of cement and many other building supplies.
7. My Bible messages on the Christian family have been received very well. **Pray that our young people and our parents will put into practice the many things which they have learned about God's will on finding a mate and about the way to create a Christ-centered marriage.**

Thanks so much for all of the beautiful and encouraging Christmas cards that you have sent us. Thank you for remembering us during this busy time of the year.

"Jesus is both the Gift and the Giver of every good gift." (Richard W. DeHaan)

Your missionaries in Malawi, Africa,

Bill, Melody, William, & Hannah

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