

# **Missionaries To The People Of Malawi, Africa**

## **The Ashbury Family**

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**Romans 1:16**  
**"For I am not ashamed**  
**of the gospel of Christ:**  
**for it is the power of God**  
**unto salvation to every one**  
**that believeth; to the Jew**  
**first, and also to the Greek."**

### **March-April, 2010**

Dear Pastor & Church Family,

After flying for twenty-four hours from Malawi, we arrived safely back into Greenville, South Carolina on Thursday night, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 P. M. William and Hannah did very well riding on the airplanes and going through all of the various airport security stations. We were quite tired, but thankful to be standing on solid ground again. **Thanks so much for your prayers for us.** Our loving God helped us as we traveled along the way. After being met by Melody's mother, some other family members, and a delegation from Fellowship Baptist Church, we went home to enjoy a good night's sleep.

Then on Monday morning, March 15<sup>th</sup>, I flew back across the Atlantic Ocean to begin a ten day tour of Israel with a Christian church group. Dr. John Williamson and his church family from Acorn Ridge Baptist Church paid for all of my expenses and even gave me some extra spending money. Our visit to Gordon's Calvary and our Lord's empty tomb was the highlight of my trip. Having the Lord's Supper in the garden close to the empty tomb with God's people was very touching. After arriving back into the States, I went to Kansas City, Missouri to pick up our missionary van.

During the past two months, I have been quite busy putting our power point presentation together and preparing things for our upcoming meetings. I have also been calling our supporting pastors to set up meetings to give our field reports to their churches. Melody has been diligently taking care of us as well as home schooling our children. **Please pray for Melody and the children as they adjust to doing these things while traveling on the road.** They have done well, but I can assure you that it has been quite a challenge. But God's grace is sufficient for every need.

We have been spending some valuable time with our dear family members. It's nice to see them again and to spend some time with them. William and Hannah have been meeting and playing with many of their young cousins. They have enjoyed doing things together with them. We have also been visiting many of our dearest Christian friends before we ardently begin our extensive travels to our supporting churches. We had a wonderful time of being with Pastor Glenn Stevenson and his church family in Fairmont, West Virginia during their missions conference in April. The Lord blessed it in many wondrous ways. We were greatly encouraged by the love that they abundantly showed to us. **Pray for our safety as we travel down the dangerous interstate roads here in the States.** We have five missionary meetings scheduled in June as well as our mission board's Family Fellowship Week.

Our ministry in Malawi continues to move ahead and to make good progress in our absence. Pastor Shadrick and Brother Wells have recently informed me that many people have been saved in the last four weeks and that things have been going very well. God has blessed us with several National Pastors and Evangelists who diligently and who conscientiously serve their Lord. **Pray for them as they carry on the work of the Lord and shine for him.**

We look forward to seeing and fellowshiping with you all again and showing you the many marvelous things that our Lord has been doing in Malawi, Africa. We thank you for your faithful and fervent prayers for us and our ministry. Many of our beloved Christian friends have personally told us that they pray for us daily. We also wanted to thank you for your liberal and sacrificial giving which takes care of our needs and the needs of our ministry. We have been able to win many souls to the Lord, to give out many Bibles, to print thousands of Gospel tracts as well as numerous Bible lessons, to train many National Pastors, to plant several Fundamental Baptist Churches, to successfully put up two buildings, and to help many of our Christian people with reading glasses and medicine. Melody, William, Hannah, and I whole heartedly thank you for all of the things that you have done for us and our ministry. Our National Pastors and their church families thank you too.

Serving for His glory,

*Bill, Melody, William, & Hannah*  
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