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Missionaries To Malawi Africa



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**Proverbs 27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may
bring forth.**

Greetings,

Let me start by saying thank you to the many who prayed for us over the past several weeks, especially concerning the dysfunctional condition of my lower back. There is no doubt that the past few months, for us, have been a bit of a valley, but praise the Lord for his manifold mercies! Before, during, and after my first round of back procedures, I have had the blessing of receiving text messages, cards, emails, and phone calls from brothers and sisters who have been praying for healing in my lower back. These notes of encouragement have meant a great deal to me and the Lord has used them to really bless me at times when I really needed the extra encouragement. I am thankful to report that the Lord is indeed answering your prayers and that my back is recovering very very well! Thank you to all who asked the Lord for mercies on my behalf. I feel blessed to see God's healing hand at work and I have no doubt that it is because of your prayers. Thank you to each who prayed. The Doctor has me needing a total of four more procedures (none as intensive as that first one) so please pray for me to have wisdom on which ones to do, or not do, as we are trying to get back to the field as soon as it becomes possible.

Throughout the course of my recent back procedures I have endeavored to maintain an attitude of faith, trusting that the Lord knows exactly what is happening, and that he has a perfect purpose in all of it. When I find my mind wandering down the paths of

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doubt or fear I have made repentance of such thoughts and feelings as a regular course of action.

I have been in regular contact with the folks in Malawi where political marches, mass public demonstrations, and even rioting have become more “normal” than at any time in the history of the nation. This political strife has an underlying “tribal factor” to it which is a major “no no” to publicly acknowledge. It is a long time fact that the the Tumbuka people have been outnumbered by the Chewa people since the creation of the political boundaries that were implemented during the colonial times. Whether this is the source of the conflict, or whether it is just an additional agitation to major political rivals, the fact of civil unrest continues.

As challenging as the civil unrest in Malawi has been, of late, it has taken a back seat to the pandemonium created by the world wide reaction to the current health concerns. Undoubtedly, Malawi must be amongst the least prepared nations for such challenges. Nationwide lock down has been nearly impossible to implement since most people live from day to day and generally depend on that day's work for that day's food. So far our churches are still having services, but everything is uncertain and subject to change from day to day.

1 Thessalonians 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

I was particularly blessed over the past few days to receive text messages from some of the men in Malawi. Seeing their response to the spiritual, political, and financial shifts that are taking place in response to the virus has reaffirmed in my heart that the men that are leading the ministries there are able to discern the imminent return of Jesus Christ. I will pass this one along to you all because it reflects a great attitude for ANY christian ANYWHERE to maintain in these times. In my conversation with him about his thoughts on this whole situation, Mac Anthony Mwandirire (Evangelist) said, ;

“Lets minister like we are about to be raptured tomorrow”

“even in this disease we can win some to Christ”

“we have worked a lot...I believe Jesus is near with my rewards in hand!”.

Hearing the absence of fear in his attitude, the anticipation for our blessed hope, and seeing his confidence at Christ' soon coming was a great encouragement to me.

We are continuing to make plans for my remaining health procedures and our pending departure back to the field. Planning out logistics right now is very challenging and we would appreciate your prayers on our behalf for these things. Furthermore, please be prayerful for the hundreds of missionaries who are strewn throughout the world and are experiencing lockdowns and restrictions in foreign lands. Please be in diligent prayer for divine wisdom, and clarity for each individual missionary concerning what God wants them to do in their particular circumstances. Also be in prayer for the Bible Believing pastors and churches all over the USA, many pastors are finding themselves limited and challenged as they navigate how to best feed the flock that God has given them oversight of.

Please pray for Josh, Barron, & Cameil, each of these are folks around the town we are based out of right now and are recently saved but really need grace to surrender to the Lord's leading in their lives.