



From Malawi,

Still keeping busy writing question and answers for our electives. A lot more involved than I had thought, I have developed a real respect for Dr. Dickson who made about 45 of these. I'm still only part way done with one!

We are keeping in close contact with our workers in Malawi. I recently sent some money via Western Union to replace funds used to repair our trucks. I am going to use it again to send money given by a supporter for Christmas gifts to his supported preachers. We are seriously thinking of using this service to fund Malawi preachers instead of the present method of making out a year's worth of checks to be cashed when due.

There is a fee for cashing those checks thereby lowering the value of the money donated. With the Western Union method we get a very high rate of exchange and therefore better value. (When we are in Malawi it is the height of tobacco season and US dollars are in high demand from the banks and the rate of exchange lowers quite a bit. After that season it goes back up and we are able to keep track of it and get the best rate for our money). There is more to mission work than meets the eye! Everything is going well with the preachers and our staff. We did get one setback though. The doctor that was going to serve at the mission had so much pressure put on him by people in his present area that he backed out. He suggested a replacement and we are looking into that. I am getting some really good reports from preachers, including my outreach director and a local preacher and his wife that Flo and I support. Things are going well and makes my reports take on a happy tone.

Most of our supported preachers have not had a pay raise in many years but to their credit I get very little in the way of complaints. These men travel to several churches in order to encourage and edify them. They are reporting that many churches are fulfilling the "great commission" and the baptisms, restorations and new congregations are following their efforts. When you take God at His word the blessings surely multiply!

I loved going out to the different congregations last year and I plan to do that again this year. My teaching will be centered on what Jesus' real sacrifice was on the cross. My hope is that it will produce more sacrifice on their part and result in a greater appreciation of Jesus. Flo and I are going to travel a bit to report to work fund supporting congregations. We are going to be short of funds in 2015 due to one large supporter that is going to be supporting a different work. If you know of any church looking to support a good work, I will be glad to give a presentation there, or I can send a dvd showing what we do if they prefer.

Please remember Malawi and us in an occasional prayer. Prayer works! I am also enclosing two recent e-mails I received, one from Austin Chavinda, our mission manager and one from Robenson Mhango, a local evangelist that we support.

God bless you all,

Bob & Flo

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Brother Bob, We are fine, how is sister Flo? I have been approached by brother Joseph Nhlepuni with a verbal notice that he has decided to retire in the second half of 2015 after serving at the Mission for 32 years. On behalf of Paswell and Gin, I thank you and their sponsors for the gift. Joseph and I will be in Mzuzu tomorrow for our monthly transaction with the MIRZAS. It may be an appropriate time me to get that gift for Paswell and Gin. Timothy has reminded me of the request he made. Other news, No rains up to now, some concern for our Nation! we do not have water from the mountains for over four months now. Expect famine report the coming year. Have you received the final exams for LOWANI? greetings to you all . AUSTIN.

(Note: the water from the mountain is what we get to drink and take showers at the house).

My Gods' sponsor, Thank you for words of condorance to my family, and i am looking forward to carry on in serving the Lord and other activities. Again, because the death of my mother, has subtract my house budget as i arranged. Therefore,as you said, if possible, there can be a chance, this chance will not use for shatters only but for other purposes to cover where it has been disturbed. On mondday if God allows i will start to put iron sheet on my house. My wife and I we wish you the best christmas and new year. ROBENSON and FUNNY

(A heavy burden to sponsor God. Interesting language though isn't it?)

