



Malawi Newsletter August 2015

Hi all,

Just to keep everyone informed... Flo and I are appealing for funds to purchase 1500 tins of maize for the famine in Malawi. Each tin will feed a family of four for about 5 days. We are going to keep the maize in storage until January. We purchased the acetellic preservative before we left so we don't have to worry about rot or rats. The cost is the present price of 2500kwacha per tin. (MK3,750,000) That works out to about \$7500. We have had some wonderful folks donating already over \$2700. If you can help preventing death by starvation please make out your checks to 53rd Ave. church of Christ, 3412 East 53rd Ave. , Bradenton, FL 34203. In the memo section mark the checks for Malawi Fund and put a large capital F after Malawi Fund. The F identifies famine relief to me. Malawi fund is tax deductible.

It is difficult to describe what this famine will be like. Folks who lived through it tell us the 1949 famine was not as bad as this is going to be. We personally witnessed the devastation that this drought is bringing about. Mile after mile of crops that failed to produce. There is not only no corn growing over 2 feet in height but there is just bare ground where vegetables normally grow. When I visited congregations around the mission area people would come up to us in tears thanking us for saving their lives last year. Needless to say it was an emotional time for us. A huge number of village chiefs, group village headmen, senior GVH's and even two sub chiefs came to thank us personally. We, of course, let them know that it wasn't just us, we facilitated what many, many people donated to help them out. They in turn asked us to relay their appreciation for the many sacrifices that were made to save their people from starvation. Shortly, the price of maize is going to skyrocket, so we want to take advantage of the generous offer of this merchant to sell us 1500 tins of maize at today's prices. He also will deliver the maize to the mission free of charge. We still need close to \$5000 to complete the transaction. Please help us help the people of Malawi. And we are going to need even more as time goes on and we get closer to the January to March time frame. Every penny that comes in will be sent directly to the mission where Joseph and his helpers are prepared to find a source for Maize and Rice. (Joseph is our mission supervisor and Flo and my right arm). The government gave 1 tin of maize to about 50 people last year in our area while we fed hundreds thanks to your donations. I was amazed to see how far from the mission we reached last year with food. Our guys at the mission are to be praised for their hard work which saved countless lives.

I send the money received via Western Union because it can be picked up in a nearby bank by the mission workers. Right now we are getting the highest rate of exchange this year which will make the funds go even further, so please consider a small sacrifice in order to take advantage of this unique situation which won't happen again this year. We can feed a lot of people with your help.

Thank you for caring about the warm heart of Africa.....Malawi.

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