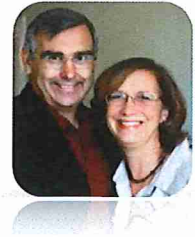




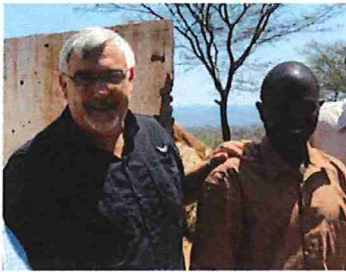
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New Churches in Malawi

Pastor Friday did it again! I was able to visit with four church-plants of Brother Friday's this weekend. When I asked him how far these churches were from his home in the Lower Shire he told me, "2 days on a bike." He did not take his wife this time but went with his day camp team of four others. It was very exciting to see new church leaders and meet their congregations. There are five new churches in this area, due west of Zomba. Four congregations came together in one place when I was there. I have a video on my [website](#) and on [Facebook](#) of our visit.



A few weeks ago, I was visiting churches in the Lower Shire; it might have been the most encouraging visit I've had in a while. There were two newer churches where we saw a total transformation in their practice and spirit. It is all because of the Sunday School program that we taught and initiated last year. All of the children were clothed neatly and well behaved, which is not usually the case in these new churches. The children recited Bible verses and sang children's songs. The congregations also showed a remarkable change. They did not sing the traditional chanting-style songs, instead they were singing hymns with a message. The Sunday School has brought about a maturity in the congregations that was unexpected. This is a great praise to God.

We have received about \$1,000 more for the motorcycle than needed. I was praying that we find a way to help Brother Friday reach all the areas he has church-plants. He could use a motorcycle as well. This man has done an incredible job

evangelizing and church planting. A motorcycle would reduce his *two* 12-hour days of cycling to 4 hours of riding.

For the past two months, our Day Camp Teams have been cycling up and down their regions evangelizing. The report for the 10 teams is as follows:

Number of people preached to: 17,932

Number of professions of faith: 4,449

These Day Camps were held near our existing churches or in villages to plant new churches. In this way efforts are being made to provide discipleship to these converts.

I will be leaving for Moldova on Saturday, September 15th. I will be in Tajikistan for ten days during this trip. We are exploring ways to help the local pastors in their struggles and trials in this hostile environment.

God bless, Eric Chapman

Pray For:

- God's direction in providing Pastor Friday with a motorcycle
- My trip to Moldova and Tajikistan
- The new churches and church leadership
- Bibles for the Malawians at \$7.50 each

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Dear Friends,

August 17, 2018

We have been back in Malawi for about 2 months and have been very busy. I started with meetings with mission leaders then with pastors. We immediately had 4 weeks of Mobile Medical Clinics ministering both physically and spiritually to thousands of people and putting many hard miles on our vehicle. We just finished a 3-day pastors school in the Lower Shire to address issues, give instruction, preach and teach the Word, and to introduce our new missionaries.

Our new missionaries, the Hutchens family, arrived a month ago. They are settled and ready to begin language study. Another family visited to see the ministry; they have a desire to come to Malawi in a year or two. Next month a nurse will come to explore the possibility of God opening the door for her to take over our Mobile Medical Clinics. This is all great news, and it gives us an air of ministry excitement here.

We have **several needs** to address in the mission.

- 1) We need a Motorcycle for our lead pastor in the Zomba area. This bike will allow Pastor Mbingo to visit the evangelist teams and to have easy access to the village churches for teaching and encouragement.
- 2) Funds were gifted for a new vehicle to do public school ministries. In the past we could get a vehicle with reduced duty fees, but the government is refusing this now to all organizations. The increased price of the vehicle is a staggering \$16,000 in duty and taxes. We would appreciate your prayers for these two needs. The cost of doing mission work in Malawi is high, but we have an opportunity to reach tens of thousands with the Gospel.

I will be going to Central Asia next month to teach evangelism, visit pastors, and explore opportunities. We desire to see how our mission can assist these men in Muslim countries to reach their own and to survive in these ministries. These men are truly persecuted and need our encouragement and help. We are also looking at the possibility of setting up our already registered EurAsian Baptist Mission as a viable mission board for our students and graduates in Moldova; we will share more on that later.

Please pray for us about:

- 1) My trip to Central Asia in September.
- 2) Additional funds for a motorcycle to reach the Malawian village churches.
- 3) Extra funds to buy a 4x4 vehicle to reach the public schools in the rural areas of Malawi.
- 4) Prayer for our new missionaries that they and their children will adjust to the new mission field environment.

God Bless,

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