The Curtis Family

Missionaries to Malawi, Africa



September 2026

Dear Praying Friends,

Sometimes our plans are not God's plans, but the Lord always has a reason! In our last letter we announced our plans to fly back on December 1, 2026. Unfortunately, one of the countries we were supposed to be transiting through requires 3 months of validity remaining on the passports in order for you to transit their country and our children would only have one month of validity remaining if we flew on December 1. We also looked into renewing our passports at the embassy here, but the only appointment the embassy would offer us was too close to our departure date. So, after praying about it and counseling with others, we felt like the best option we had was to reschedule our flights for an earlier date which would allow us to get all the way back to the States on our current passports. For these reasons, we have rescheduled our flights and we will be flying back to the States for furlough on October 6, 2026.

We have already scheduled some meetings in 2027 with the churches that have inquired about a specific date. According to our current schedule, we are planning to be in the southeastern states from January through mid-April. From mid April through the beginning of June we will be in the northeastern states. In June we plan to visit the Michigan area and in July we are planning on being in the Tennessee area. Lord willing, we will fly back to Malawi in August of 2027. If your church is interested in having us in to report, you are welcome to contact me, and I will try to work you in to the schedule if I am able. Also, because our original plan was to return in December, I have not yet started calling our supporting churches. Lord willing, I will be contacting each one that hasn't reached out to us yet sometime after we arrive in the States in October. For those who we are unable to schedule a meeting with this furlough, we would be happy to share our furlough video presentation with you once it is ready if you would like. Lord willing it will be ready in December 2026.

Here in Malawi both of the churches are doing well. We are seeing souls come to Christ regularly in both congregations, and also new faces in attendance almost every Sunday in both churches. In Nyamula, we recently had a man named Laston come to us after the service requesting for us to talk to him about salvation. We were able to sit down and share the Gospel with him. We praise the Lord that he chose to receive Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour! In Phokera we took time to talk with Grace who was regularly attending. She also saw her need to turn to Christ and trust Him as her Savior! Both churches are growing and maturing spiritually. Both churches have local men teaching and preaching. In Phokera, we currently have 5 men who are regularly taking turns preaching on Wednesday. They are all growing in their understanding of the Scriptures and in ability to preach. In Nyamula, we only have one young man who is teaching and preaching, but he is doing an excellent job. We are praying that the Lord would also raise up other men who we can train to preach and teach in Nyamula as well. Jessica has been training two ladies in the Phokera church to do the children's lessons. Both are becoming more comfortable and excited to teach the children. Both churches are also continuing discipleship lessons during the Sunday school hour.

The Bible college is coming to a close. This week the students are finishing their final exams for their classes. They are all excited about the upcoming graduation. Lord willing, we will be conducting the graduation service in this upcoming week. Please pray as we prepare for this big, exciting event.

Lastly our family is all doing well. We are busily preparing for our return as there are many things that need to be taken care of before we return for furlough. Please pray that we continue to stay healthy and can all safely catch our flights as we return for furlough. Thank you for praying for us!

Your Servants in Christ,
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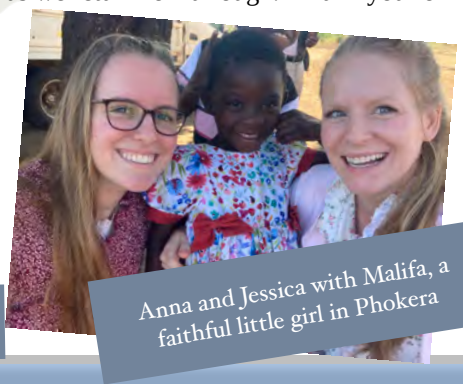
Anna teaching a children's class in Nyamula



Samuel with some of the kids he teaches in Nyamula



Anna and Jessica with Malifa, a faithful little girl in Phokera

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