Glasses for Malawi



One of the biggest struggles we have had here in Malawi is adjusting to the low literacy rate among our trainees. Another issue that we providentially stumbled upon last course is the literal and prevalent inability to see among the trainees. Eye care and prescription lenses are a privilege only a select few enjoy here, and that excludes people from the bush, like our trainees.

This discovery was made last October when one of our trainees tried on a pair of his teacher's glasses and suddenly realized he could see not only see his surroundings clearly but he could also see the Word that he had been entrusted by God to preach and teach. This volunteer teacher went back to his church in Alaska and told the story in his report to his congregation. As he did, one lady in the congregation took it upon herself to raise money for glasses for Malawi. With the money she collected they were able to purchase 300 pairs of varying strength glasses. He brought those glasses this trip.

I was standing outside of Dean's classroom on day 1 when it was announced there were glasses available for those who needed them. It was an amazing sight to see grown men and women running down the path at the hope of being able to find a pair of glasses that would allow them to see the world and read the Word.

I was recording when this older pastor put his glasses on for the first time and discovered that he could see the Word of God!

I hope you enjoy and I hope you are encouraged. It is our mission to provide training to help pastors and teachers of the Word understand and communicate the Word accurately and effectively. The task is even more difficult when they can't see! Thank God for his wisdom to bring this need to the surface and thank God for a volunteer teacher and a lady in Alaska willing to do something about it!

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Sunday Church



It is day 2 of training here in a small village outside of Liwonde, Malawi. We arrived Saturday evening after a long journey consisting of three flights followed by a three hour car ride from one of the larger cities in Malawi to a narrow trail that may see one or two vehicles per day. More common here are the sights of women carrying 10 gallon bins of water on their heads from a river nearly a mile away or small children guiding herds of goats from one place to another. The setting here is stunning! I hope to share pictures as the days progress. For now, here are a few pictures from church on Sunday-two of the congregation and one of a children's class.

To be with our trainees in their local churches and with their congregations singing together, praying together, and under the reading and preaching of the Word of God is the highlight of every trip! Enjoy!!





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