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TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY

Jars of Clay Ministry Malawi Official Newsletter

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It was a blessing to visit Grace Church Laguna Niguel and other ministry partners in California the month of September. I came back the month of October and it has been a busy month trying to get back into my normal family and ministry routine. This newsletter will highlight a few of the developments and crucial needs I found upon my return to my local church and other churches we have planted. We are now entering a busy planting season as we expect the rains to come any day this month.



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Mponela Reformed Church

We resumed our Hebrews preaching series when I returned home from the third chapter and verse seven. We also continue going through the Westminster Larger Catechism during our Sunday school, doing one question per lesson. Last Sunday we looked at question number 159. How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?



We are now entering the rains season and as a church we need to work on a few things. Every year we embark on an agricultural project as one way of raising funds locally for our ministry. This year we are planting maize on a 10 acre farm. Our fundraising target is around \$3,500 for this project which has the potential of bringing in around \$15,000 upon harvest.

Another phase in our construction project is installation of window glass and making water drainage systems for our buildings at church to direct the water coming from the rooftops away from the buildings. Our fundraising target is \$3,000.

These are the priority areas for this year and will resume all other projects next year after the rains season. Your support will be greatly appreciated by our church.

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WLC Q. 159





Linthembwe Reformed Church

Linthembwe Reformed Church was planted by Mponela Reformed Church on October 10th, 2021 two years ago. This is one of our fastest growing church plants which is currently being pastored by Hastings Tambala. The picture below shows a leadership training session as we endeavor to raise local elders and deacons for the new church. Being a rural area, the church building is also being used as a nursery school and an adult literacy program is also taking place there, and taught by the pastor.



We thank the Lord for a beautiful church building but we need to work on pouring cement floors, and installing 6 windows and 3 doors. This will help to ensure cleanliness of the property as well as securing the interior. We will need around \$400 to buy and install the windows, \$1,000 to buy and install the doors and \$1,500 to buy cement & sand, and pay a builder to pour the cement floor. Our priority for this month is to install the windows and doors. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

“Come to me,
all who labor
and are heavy
laden, and I
will give you
rest.”

MATTHEW 11:28





Radio/Media Broadcasting

In a country that is filled with noises about the gospel, hearing sound teaching is usually a challenge. That is why I have labored diligently week by week to prepare and present a message on the Christian faith through radio. I was so happy to work with my brother Jude Gallagher to record a program while I was in California and send it to Malawi. I am so thankful for his help.



When I returned home Maziko Radio Station was closed as they had to settle some bills with a regulating authority in Malawi. The expectation is that the radio station will sort out these issues by January. Currently I am working on recording programs for my podcast as well as submitting the content for a local community radio station at Mponela.

As a church, we have also started recording our morning catechism lessons as well as sermons which will be available online via YouTube. Please pray that people will listen and watch these videos with an open heart. And please pray that these will be edifying to the body of Christ in Malawi.

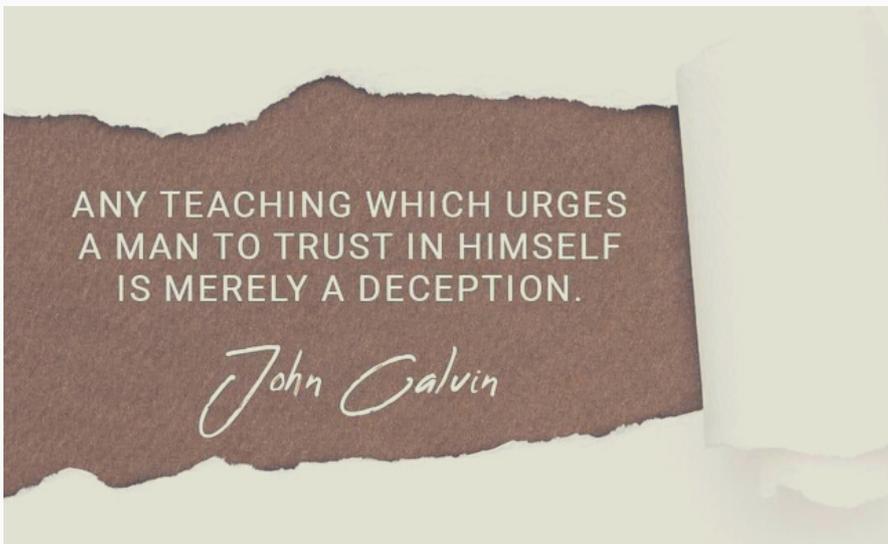
“Go therefore
and make
disciples of
all nations...”

MATTHEW 28:19



Book Translation

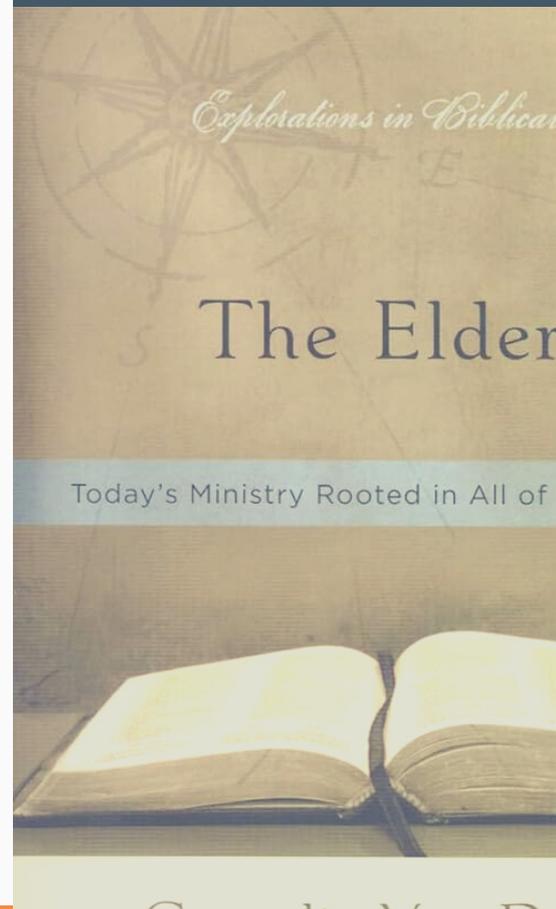
Book translation is another important aspect of the ministry whereby we translate books for evangelism and discipleship purposes. Currently we are working on a book by Cornelius van Dam addressing the issue of eldership. We are also working on developing a training manual on evangelism and discipleship which can be used as a guide for our churches.



This ministry is placing sound literature into the hands of the people. Our prayer is that it will contribute to health growth in our churches. These efforts should provide our church family with a greater understanding of Scripture and be better equipped to give a reason for their faith.

“For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach.”

TITUS 1:7



Praise and Prayer Items

It was a huge blessing to visit my supporting church family Grace Church Laguna Niguel in California and enjoy their hospitality and generosity. What a joy it is to know that I have elders, deacons, brothers and sisters constantly praying and thinking about my work here in Malawi! I am deeply humbled and grateful for such a relationship. It was also a blessing to visit other partners and establish new partnerships.

“We make it very, very difficult for people to be honest about their struggles in the Christian life when we present to people no struggles in our Christian life.”

ALISTAIR BEGG

“A Lesson in Leadership”

Please be especially in prayer for our country which is going through a tough time economically right now. Please pray that the Lord will bless our planting season so that people will have enough food next year. As we preach the gospel through different ways, we also ask that the Lord will sustain the lives of our people.

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:3-6

“Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.”

WLC A. 178

