

MIBI NEWS



Pictures:



Teacher Wellos with young adults



Restocking personal supplies



Using Computers to study

Hello everyone,

As we move into spring here in the USA, they just finished with planting season in Malawi and have returned to classes. Since returning in mid-January, they have been busy with studies of Old and New Testament books and classes on the nature of the church.

Covid continues to affect the school. So many in Malawi are fearful of Covid and there is still little access to vaccinations outside the major cities. That has had an unintended consequence of some students leaving the school for fear of catching the virus and returning to their home village. It has also put the school behind by a semester. We are confident that God will help us get back on track soon.

About half the students have remained and continue to study and prepare to become a preacher. Luckily Dedza, where the school is located has seen numbers drop and have had very few new cases reported in the last couple of months.

With the vaccine here in the US and the lessening of travel restrictions both here and in Malawi, we are planning some hopeful trips to Malawi in 2021. Our president of the school hopes to head there in late spring and assess how everything is going and to discuss if we can add some type of class to teach these young men how to make a living. Remember, very few churches in Malawi pay a preacher, so their income has to come from outside of ministry. One alumni has turned his MIBI schooling into the foundation for getting a teacher's license and we are hoping to push that with other students. Malawi gave him 2 years of academic credit towards his degree in Education.

My brother and I are planning to go over in September to teach for a couple of weeks and also host the first ever MIBI lectureship. The greatest struggle with that endeavor is the financial hardship of students returning to Dedza. We are working to cover their travel and lodging to attend. If you would like to help with that endeavor, please note your donation for "Lectureship Expense".

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for MIBI. We will update you again this summer.

In Him,

Jim Dillinger

Contact us if you would like a MIBI representative to talk with your congregation!

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