



Dehnerts in Malawi

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Ah it is kuntenta kwambiri – VERY HOT. But, not really for anyone used to the heat and humidity of the south or over 100 degrees in Arizona or New Mexico – but it is still hot anyway. We have had the teaser rains a couple weeks ago and probably have a week or two until the rains really come. They will last until about March or April. The maize crops will be planted after the first long night rain (according to the Malawian we talked to). It will rain daily – torrential downpours. At that point the heat decreases and the humidity is cleaned up a bit. Also, all the burning of the fields to take care of the pests (no too much pesticide use her) will end and the air will be clean for the first time in months. Obviously, we all really look forward to the rains!

Happy Post-Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving kind of comes and goes here. The kids' school has "International Day" to celebrate Thanksgiving and has all the families bring food from their nations. Great food...unfortunately I had a rehearsal so I didn't get any! The college just continues on with classes. Our weekly potluck for foreign missionaries was Thanksgiving on Friday with turkey and all the dressings. It was quite a chore to find sweet potatoes – had a bunch of vendors looking for them. What a party it was! But for those of us from the north, the heat makes it a little weird.

Last month a 1997 graduate of ABC, Davidson Chifungo, was elected General Secretary (we would say "Stated Clerk") of the Nkhoma Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). The CCAP is over a million strong. Another ABC grad, **Roderick Banda, is General Secretary of the Scripture Union Malawi.** And another ABC grad, **Immanuel Thuwala, is the anchorman for Malawi TV news.** God has used these graduates to encourage us as we plug along wondering if there is headway in the penetration of the Malawi world with Biblical thinking.

But, when it comes down to it, we need to be encouraged by every graduate that is well trained and is affecting the world they live in whether or not they have the visibility of these folks. There are also those individuals who are impacting the society who are trained by the local congregations. Such individuals as a Malawi National Soccer Team member and the high point scorer of the Malawi National Netball Team (#1 in Africa) are members of Kaning'a CCAP where we attend. Kaning'a is led by many ABC graduates who are the elders.

Keep praying, please, for these graduates that are expected to take up leadership in their churches. **Pray for us that we can speak to their hearts and minds** that the gospel can really invade the entirety of their lives. And that it will truly invade our own thinking...because we don't really quite have it together either. That becomes evident as we watch the hurting relationships among missionaries. **Pray for reconciled relationships** throughout this work of African Bible College. **Pray for concerts** coming up this week and next...including Janelle's violin recital!

By the way, we have saltines in one of the stores! Yippee!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support everyone. We appreciate the relationships we have with you all, new and old.

By God's Grace,
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