

## The New Academic Year Starts...

We have a full complement of thirty-five (35) students with us. All of last year's first-year students have returned (which is really encouraging) along with fifteen new students. Studies began in the second week of February; the first term lasting until the end of May. During this period we concentrate on classroom studies. This is particularly important for the first-year students as the curriculum is focused on grounding them in the fundamentals of the faith and nurturing the confidence to boldly preach the gospel of Christ. Come July, they will be putting the knowledge and skills they have acquired into practice when we start our campaigning season.



The first year students.



The second year students.

### First Year Curriculum

- Introduction Course (focus on fundamentals)
- How we got the Bible
- Hermeneutics
- Scheme of Redemption
- Acts of Apostles
- The New Testament church
- Denominational doctrines
- Homiletics
- The Pentateuch
- The doctrine of God
- Galatians
- General Epistles
- Titus
- 1 & 2 Timothy
- Romans
- Church planting and development

### Second Year Curriculum

- Minor Prophets
- 1 & 2 Corinthians
- Life of Christ
- Prison Epistles
- Major Prophets
- Later church history
- Minor Prophets
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- Wisdom books
- Gospel of John
- Hebrews and the Tabernacle
- History books
- The Revelation

## Looking forward

We have another busy year ahead of us with six evangelism campaigns during the months of July, August, and September. In June we have been asked to hold a lectureship in the Central Region. The brethren there have asked us to teach on *church organization*, particularly about the relationship between preachers/evangelists and leaders/elders.

## Baptisms

It is always encouraging when the students carry home what has been entrusted to them.



## A Walk around the Campus

Let me take you for a short walk around the campus:



As you enter from the main gate, the main auditorium is ahead of you.



Turning to your left, ahead of us is the main classroom block as we pass the gable-end of the auditorium.



The main classroom block is ahead of us. From the left we have three classrooms, then the restrooms, then the teachers' office/study and the longest room being the dining room.



Turning to about 2 o'clock, we cross the open courtyard to the end section of the dining room and the start of the students' accommodation block.

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Right again, we get a view of the whole of the students' accommodation block and the gable-end of the old administration block, which some students now occupy.



We have come along the students' block and are at the top of that block. On the right hand side are the first of the storerooms.



Turning to the right, and we have the storerooms, library, students' study room and the office – at the top.



Here is *World Nyoni* (deputy director and office manager) in the office.



Now beyond the buildings here is *Christine* where we have been planting Pine trees which the students use for firewood. These are around 4 years old.



Another view of some of the trees we plant each year; this ensures we don't have to purchase firewood which is very expensive! You can also see one of the bee hives – African bees... watch out!

## Personal Appeal

I am not someone who likes to ask folks for money. I was taught to work and provide for myself and my family, and that's pretty much what I have done most of my life. A few years ago I was chatting with a brother in Christ from the U.S. (he is with the Lord now); he passed through Malawi wanting to visit with us. In the course of our conversations he said something that has stuck with me: "Allow the brethren the blessing of being able to help you." His words brought to my memory, the fact that the Lord Himself accepted help from the women that followed Him. (Luke 8:1-3). I can't really argue with this reasoning, still, it doesn't make it easier, but there we go...

Our Land Rover (an old Discovery II), which we have had for some 22 years (from new) has developed a major automatic gearbox fault which has rendered it unusable. This left us without any day-to-day transport. In emergencies or where absolutely necessary we have the 12 ton truck parked here and have used that, but it's a large vehicle and not ideal for going shopping, or even going to the campus. This situation forced us to raid our pension pot so that we could purchase a little second-hand run-around car (one of those small Japanese vehicles, which are for urban driving). This vehicle will cost us nearly USD 9,000 in total – half of which are the import duties! On top of this, we really need to repair the Land Rover, as the run-around won't manage a 7 hour journey to Lilongwe (Christine is planning to visit the U.K. mid-next year). Again, the



costs of repairing the Land Rover means we will need to again draw down from our pension pot if we are going to do this. I don't see any option but to repair importing the parts from the U.K., but I hate touching the pension. Yes, it's meant to be used; but I had envisaged myself using it when I actually stopped working.

To give this some context, the photo gives an idea of some of the roads we have to negotiate. Not all the roads are like this, but one cannot travel anywhere without encountering such roads.

If you are able to help us with any gift, please contact *Tom Behel*, one of the elders at Thomaston Road church of Christ. We will be so thankful for the help. We need the Land Rover and will have to repair it come what may, not least because if any of the school's vehicles breakdown (outside of urban areas there are no recovery/repair services) - for instance when the bus was to breakdown while out on a campaign, it is the Land Rover that is our last resort if all else fails (at 65, I am still the main mechanic for the schools' vehicles).

## Many thanks

Christine and I continue to be in good health and wish to express our deepest heartfelt thanks to all of you who support and pray for this work. Many of you are unknown by us personally, but we are known by our Heavenly Father, and for this we give thanks to Him for His grace and love toward us and you.