

Report on a visit to Malawi from May 9–24, 2019

Conference from May 16–19

The main reason for the visit was a conference that took place in Malawi with brothers from neighboring African countries. This conference has been a subject of prayer for the brothers for a long time. In the participating countries, including South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique, and Malawi, there are only a few believers who follow the same ecclesiastic way. In total, there were brothers of eight different nationalities present.

The subject “The Coming of the Lord” proposed by the Malawian brothers was considered based on the different dispensations and with the question “What does it mean for us today?” It was a great benefit for all participating brothers.

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Getting to know one another and experiencing practical fellowship across national borders was a great encouragement to all, as was the liberty to actively participate in the Bible studies. The desire to hold similar conferences has been clearly articulated on all sides.

The Lord allowed the brothers to be accommodated in a conference room with dormitories, a kitchen, and a dining room. During the conference breaks and after dinner, the brothers exchanged views about their work in the Christian bookstores in their countries. It was a great encouragement for them to share similar experiences and learn from each other, particularly because they all attend small gatherings in their home countries.

The practical fellowship was also enjoyed by sisters from Dowa and Lilongwe, together with the German sisters mentioned below in meal preparation.

Meetings in Dowa and Lilongwe

The spiritual development in both places is gratifying. Young brethren take their place at the Lord's table and show interest in the Word of God. It is encouraging to see the Lord doing His work in

individual brethren.

As reported earlier, the brethren in Lilongwe had to vacate the initially rented premises in August last year, as the owner was Muslim. Both the high rents in the capital and the unfavorable location of the current area prompted the brothers to purchase land at the end of 2018 and begin building a meeting hall in April this year. Construction is progressing well [>](#), and the gatherings are expected to start there in July. The brethren in both places are happy about prayer support.

Bible Center

The development of the Bible Center is still very pleasing. We must always be cautious with numbers, but they give an impression of the work: Last year, more than 10,000 Bibles were sold and, God willing, it will be well over 20,000 Bibles this year. In addition, large amounts of commentaries, tracts, and pamphlets are being bought/collected for free, so that constant supply from Europe is required (another container with literature is due to arrive in the country now).

[< Sharing similar experiences and learning from each other](#)

At the turn of the year, large volumes of “The Good Seed” (now also available in the local language Chichewa) and bookmark calendars were distributed throughout the country, with increasing demand from neighboring countries Mozambique and Zambia.



The number of participants in Bible study courses has meanwhile reached several hundred, so that—due to a lack of correctors—no new interested students can be accepted until further notice. Again, intercession is necessary for coping with the many-sided challenges and needs.

< Practical fellowship enjoyed by the sisters

The Philip and Rahel Krauss Family and Sarah Schümann and Susanna Sluiter

In the beginning of the year they all moved from a rented house to a new property. Although much work was necessary, the resulting (mainly financial) relief and improvements for the ministry (storage for literature, etc.) are enormous. Everyone is in good health and everyone is happy

about our intercession in prayer for the daily challenges.

Hartwig Krauss and Hilvert Wijnholds

Lectures



Participants



Fellowship in ministry



Brotherly fellowship and sharing experiences

