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Hello from Christ's Footprints in Africa,

Don Moen sings a song that starts with the line "give thanks with a grateful heart," a song many of you may know. After returning from our trip to Malawi this March, this song has been running through my mind because we continue to be grateful, humbled, and strengthened as we watch the Lord at work in Malawi. Our team of 12 was amazed at the changes we've seen taking place through our Malawi partners, and we praise God for all that He has done in joining us together to build His kingdom. Although there's no way to sum up a month of work in one letter, we're overjoyed to report that many of the projects we support in Malawi are progressing and hearts are turning toward the Lord through the work of CFA and its partners!

Prison Fellowship Malawi currently has a fully operational Halfway House with about 60 residents who benefit from job skills training, mentoring, and spiritual guidance. When the CFA team was there, each team member was busy doing Bible teaching, reconciliation ministry, health education, prayer partnering, sewing training, culinary training, and relationship building. Our main goal is always to encourage our brothers and sisters spiritually, but we also want to offer whatever skills we have to help PF Malawi build their income-generating projects. With all of the programming in full force, the



need for increased income is crucial. We continue to have projects that need funding, some of which are thousands of dollars, but we are so encouraged to see God fulfilling His vision for Prison Fellowship Malawi both in the halfway house and in the prisons. While we were in Malawi, I was blessed to participate in graduation ceremonies at two different prisons for inmates who had completed Prison Fellowship International's Prisoner's Journey evangelism program.

We also partnered once again with Pastor Moses Nkhata and the rural pastors he oversees. The energy and commitment that these pastors and their families pour into their communities is overwhelming! Our team worked with Pastor Moses to train some of his pastors and community members in areas that he felt would really benefit them, areas such as Bible teaching, health education, and sewing training. We also visited our three schools and many rural churches to encourage and pray with them. This year we went even farther south near the Mozambique border to visit some of his most rural churches where we saw deep spiritual and physical needs. Everywhere we went people lacked what we North Americans would consider basic needs: clean water, food, clothing, Bibles, eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, and educational materials. After each trip, we find our pattern remains the same: we go, we see, we return home, we pray, then we rejoice as God opens new doors of ministry.

As we consider these new doors of opportunity, we also look back on where God has led us since CFA started in 2012. We've completed many projects and continue to begin new ones. To keep you in the loop, here are a few of the projects that we currently have in progress:

*We continue to assist Prison Fellowship Malawi build its general fund income to supplement the funding that they received from a European Union grant they were awarded last year. We want to encourage and support PF's livestock and garden program as well as their deli operation in town by hiring two project managers to oversee each of these areas. We hope the managers' expertise helps increase income for Prison Fellowship.

*For just over two years we have worked with Emmanuel International and Hearts and Hands for Africa to gain approval from the government to start an 85 acre garden and irrigation project near Word of Grace Church. After numerous surveys and assessments, we have gotten the necessary signatures and much of the funding has come in to start the project. Five communities and several hundred families will benefit from the garden as they can now farm on what was previously desolate, unirrigated land.

*CFA has now opened three rural schools with over 550 students. We recently received money from a local Minnesotan church to complete the Mvera nursery school structure, and we are now raising funds to put in a well so that the cooks do not have to walk 1-2 kilometers each day for drinking and cooking water. We are also planning to build a home for the lead teacher and his family which will help build a Godly presence in this community and provide security for the school supplies and building. This house also means that the lead teacher and his wife, also a teacher, will not have to bike two hours each way to school five days a week!



*We are continuing to work with Alpha International to bring the Alpha evangelism program to all parts of the country. Alpha International has translated and printed their booklets and other materials into Chichewa, the local language, and will work with pastors to bring the program into the churches and prisons.

*Prison Fellowship International is also partnering with our friends at PF Malawi to bring The Prisoner's Journey evangelism program to every prison in Malawi over the next two years.

We truly give thanks with a grateful heart for all that God has done and will continue to do. With each visit to Malawi, we are encouraged by the positive changes we see. We pray that we would continue to be guided by His Spirit as we seek what we are to do next! Please continue to keep us in your prayers, and if you would like to partner with us in prayer or financially, feel free to check out our website or Facebook for more information.

Sincerely,
Pam Nersesian and the CFA team

