



**September 2015 From the Warm Heart of Africa**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in His Service,** Greetings in His Blessed Name! The last couple of months in Malawi have been a fruitful time of learning a new language and culture, adapting to the way Malawians work, waiting, preparing and being available to God to use us to touch many lives. Apostle Paul's Godly advice in 1 Corinthians 15:58, ***"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain"***, has been of great comfort to us. From this month we begin our focus on connecting and building relationships with leaders who are part of Malawi Mission Initiative as well as with preparations for the Pastors' Book Set Mission conference in November. Our aim is to see Malawi becoming a Missionary sending force in the days to come. We have also started building relationships with non-Christian Indians who work and run businesses, here. Thanks for upholding us in your prayers and standing behind us as we continue with our humble service here in Malawi.

**Kindly join us in praising God for the following:**

**1. Building relationship with fellow missionaries**

Thank God for the opportunity to fellowship with our fellow missionaries from Ethiopia during the first week of August. They lost one of their close family members, back in Ethiopia and thus came to Blantyre to be strengthened spiritually through fellowship with SIM leaders and members. Spending time with them helped us to understand better how difficult it is to lose a family member when one is serving on the field. It was truly a blessed time of sharing, encouraging, praying and mutually being blessed.



**2. Equipping pastors to reach out to the unreached**

Praise the Lord for the privilege of training pastors in the area of ***"Evangelism among the unreached"*** along with another SIM missionary on 14 August. Watson shared the devotion and conducted two sessions on practical ways to creatively reach out to the unreached with the love of Christ. Please pray that the participants would grow in their passion for the unreached and actively involve in friendship evangelism.



**3. Encouraging Christians to yield fruits of repentance**

The Lord opened the door for Watson to speak on the topic ***"Being a fruitful Christian"*** at Living Waters Church International on 23 August. It was definitely a new experience to join their worship service and to fellowship with them. We were encouraged by their love for God and passion to worship Him.



**4. Challenging Christians to be "Awake"**

It was our privilege to worship at Blantyre Baptist Church on 30 August and to minister there through the preaching of His Word. Basing his sermon on Matthew 24 and 25, Watson spoke on the topic ***"Church which is awake"*** and challenged the congregation to be a ***'Pure church'***, ***'Productive church'*** and a ***'Purposeful church'***. Glory to God!

**Please pray for**

1. His grace to be upon Watson as he builds relationship with leaders of Malawi Mission Initiative (MMI) and other local churches
2. His wisdom to build relationship and to share His love with non-Christian Indians in Blantyre
3. The preparations for the Pastors' Book Set Mission conference in November
4. Sangeetha to grow in His Word as she attends Bible Study Fellowship and conducts Bible study for a group of youths
5. Santhosh to grow in His walk with God and shine as a witness in his army camp

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