Peronts To South Africa

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work, or thought, or knowledge, or wisdom in the grave to which you are going.

I do not think I would have chosen a career in construction if I was not born into a home with a Father who did. I can remember finding this verse when I was in fifth grade and it stuck with me. I never spent any time memorising it, but I couldn't forget it. I decided to apply this verse to the trade I was born into, and while construction is not my calling, I am so thankful to God for the opportunities he has given me to serve Him with it! Thank you to my Dad who patiently taught me so much.... He's forgotten more about the trades than I even know.....

My family is called to serve orphans, and while helping to build a church doesn't appear to be "missions" on the outside, it is so much more than that on the inside! Who knows how God will use this building for His glory? He just simply asks us to give Him the few loaves of bread and fish that we have, and watch Him do the rest. Where do you find yourself? What do you have that God might be asking for you to give?

This is how I feel when God gives me opportunities to serve Him with a simple skill like construction. How many will be led to the Lord, trained to be pastors, comforted and prayed over in this building? Only God knows. I am so thankful to God for the opportunity to serve Him with the few years that I have on this earth. (Psalm 144:4) This building will also help Gospel Outreach reach out to and help so many more orphans in Malawi. There are thousands of orphans due to poverty and death, and I pray that many will find shelter, and a Heavenly Father in this building.

Thank you to Amy, Bethany, Ethan, and Charis for letting me spend 3 weeks away from home, and thank you to all of you, our faithful friends and supporters! Your faithful prayers and support make this possible, which makes you a part of what God is doing here! YOU have done this, and God is well pleased! (Heb. 11:6)

P.S. We have Chosen Lukiwe Family services (Woven) for the name of our ministry. Please pray that the government will let us use that name when we register!

ABOVE: At Pastor Stanleys home with his family. While I worked on the building, some of our South African GO pastors led Bible training and teaching. They handed out 78 Bibles and over 20 accepted Christ during the week!

ABOVE: Last year we were able to get the foundation and walls put up. We are SO GRATEFUL to Tower Hill Church for helping us get the roof on this year! The Malawi church will be able to start meeting in it very soon.

ABOVE: The roof is complete but they are putting the finishing touches on with plaster and doors.

ABOVE: GO feeds and teaches hundreds of orphans every week. This little guy, Weston, came and found me almost every day and became my buddy. I also "helped" the ladies cook rice for the children and took a ride to the market on a day that the generator was broken.

Praises

- * For over 20 people who accepted Christ while we were in Malawi!
- * For safety while we worked.
- * For God's faithful provision for the extra expenses due to inflation.
- * For safety for my family while I was away.
- * For God's Faithfulness through our supporters and friends.

Prayer Requests

- * For continued discipleship for those who accepted Christ.
- * For startup costs for the new NPC/ministry we will be establishing this quarter.
- * For Wisdom and the Spirit's guidance for Lukiwe Family Services.
- * For the continued repairs that need to be accomplished on the property this year.

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