

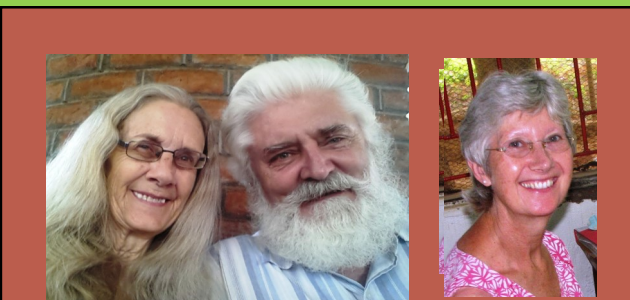
This newsletter has many months sent one by one...hope you enjoy ... laugh .. cry... struggles and triumphs.... October we began with the thought "hmmm all going well and so glad Secondary Students are placed at a quality Secondary School owned and operated by a Christian Pastor WOW how much better can it get? Wonder why the Lord wanted us to delay our travel?? We would soon realize why! Sadly it had been a short lived utopia. We found the secondary students were allowed 5 or at most 5 1/2 hrs sleep per nite....getting up at 2 or 2:30 am to do chores and start school at 5 am then a 15 minute break for breakfast which was boiling hot maize porridge which they couldn't eat but saved until mid morning break... If they were late after breakfast they carried bricks as punishment. And we should mention the teacher /student ratio went to 150 students per teacher

was the report we received (some untrained it turned out, trained or untrained what does it matter with even 2/3's that many students crammed in the heat and little seating with the smells and all ) as the owner /director apparently decided the income from increased enrollment was better than providing education ... issues with books, food, crammed classrooms, ques waiting for bathing water and as such odoriferous (now thats a ten \$ word) classmates...

To back up a bit Pam and I were booked to fly out sept 7 , 2016 and after praying about it , heard not to go (thankfully two friends asked us to pray about it as they had a check) How amazingly wonder-full Holy Spirit is in ordering the steps of his people... So as hard and sad and disappointing as it was to delay yet another 7 months to see our families and friends we decided it was best to obey... LOL now that's a no-brainer for some of you but we had to be sure we had peace it was in fact the Lord. Obviously with hind sight we see it was. So a laborious and time consuming search for decent secondary schools resulted and thru that an extensive understanding of the condition of many of Malawi's Secondary Schools. What a disappointment for the students and loss of education for two months could not be regained. By the first few days of November we had them all in different schools most in Blantyre but three boys south of us in a Nsanje Secondary school. This says so little about the supplies bought and organized for the students days of tedious effort over all. And cost... oh did I forget the three boys in the south brought stories of drop toilets so full and stinking the kids took clothes off to go into (I hardly believe the taking off clothes) and how the older students would beat them if they didn't wash their clothes for them ... oh and the form fours (grade 12s) ate supper first , then form three ,then form two and if any was left which wasn't often the form ones (our boys) and beds broken propped up with bricks and and ... more.... stories of woe and sadly that is reality for many students in these schools. So we moved the three of them to join the others in Blantyre for the beginning of the second term the beginning of January. Hey what about November n December???... Thets comin.... We know this is old news .. But ...new to you ... an education for us... We look forward to building a Good Secondary School in Bangula and it is no wonder why... See you in Nov news letter... comin soon...



Goofin around heading out to school !!!!!



Thank you, always grace n love. Pam, Will & Mary