Dear Friends and friends of friends.

We have been here in Malawi since about May 2003... the time has passed quickly and to us it seems we have always been here. Pam and I have always been content with the treasure we have had in raising the little ones that have come to our gate ... there would be 60 or 70 that we believe their lives have been saved... very humbling and wonderful gift from Jesus (for us and many of you) to be part of all that has happened. Incredible challenges and unbelievable situations at times (how some of you must have wondered as we went thru some of the issues) but always the children have been cared for and we come thru, and always due to his grace....so many of you have been alongside us on the journey. While we have had thoughts of expansion to care for more and schooling and such it has never hit us as it is now.

We are days away from completing the purchase of a lease of the land which borders our main site north boundary. It is a little over twice the size of our main site. It is no surprise our existing school buildings design will allow accessing them from the new property and will be easily converted to computer lab, library, sick room, teachers staff rooms, offices... while the new school building will have the classrooms.

Last Oct 2013 We were told we could not have a secondary school on the same site as our children's home, this was when we were into our third year as a secondary school and well known to the school and Social Service's authorities. Pam and I watched with hearts breaking as 15 of our secondary students were driven away in a small truck to enjoy the unbelievable promises offered to them if they went with the Social Services plans for their future ... As almost all of the students were of 18 years or older we felt constrained from trying overmuch to convince them the promises were likely false. As the year unfolded one word became evident "unbelievable" It has been with promises broken and their year lost many returned to begin again at our new off site secondary school we opened in September. A few decided to stay where placed in other schools and those continue most with failing marks as they did not want to do the year over again. When you go from 8 to 10 students in a class with one teacher (even though some of the teachers in-house trained ) having books and class rooms with desks and seating compared to 60 to 80 plus in a classroom with one teacher and limited books and shorter school days. no testing (until finals) due to the student /teacher ratio and the lack of resources... what results can one expect? Our challenge now is to accommodate those who would choose to attend without having our teacher /student ratio move to unmanageable numbers. Our classroom size now limits us to maximum of 14 students in a class, when future expansion and increased room size permits we will then strive to keep the ratio at 30/1 or less with a maximum of 35.

We have been amazed at the way Holy Spirit has moved during the last eleven plus years and now are beyond amazed as we anticipate the changes we believe he is putting in place. It seems timing has always been one of the main issues in people hearing and doing what God wants and authors to be done. We look at the plans we have outlined to you and invite you to join with us however you sense it is to be. As always our encouragement is to be free to hear and do whatever wherever and however you are led to. In a nutshell...Our goal is to: First build an Expanded Primary School, then build a Secondary School, then primary schools strategically placed to allow the long-term maximum numbers of stay at home students and then Secondary Schools to carry the harvest from the Primary schools...Buses maybe so...Student school fees will carry the operating costs and even provide extra for our other efforts, people have been requesting access to our school for years, they are now seeing

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the miracle (with hard work) happen. In between times we are moving forward with the Village Project with Malawian House Parents and developing our boys site....and... Setting up our free First Aid clinic for registered Ultra-poor ... Maintaining transition houses for older young adults... walking a 100 ? pound gift... a German Shepherd dog named lady...ALL IN ALL... WOW.... Impossible YES ...(with man)... We are willing....

**Dec 9, 2014 update**: December 4 which was last Thursday a tragedy and a joy occurred ... a Village lady named Margret passed away while giving birth to a beautiful little girl. The local Hosp/clinic then sent this new born treasure with her grandmother to our gate asking if we could care for the baby. We invited the grandmother (Grace) to stay and we would assist her with the baby until a future course was laid out to address the situation. The baby was of course examined and said to be healthy however the next day due to monitoring we had in place, it was noticed that the baby had a temperature and thereafter being taken to the local Hosp/clinic and thought to be having Malaria.. for those who say impossible... we would normally agree however with such little lives immediate action is needed. We obtained a transfer to Queens Pediatric Unit immediately where they then found Sepsis to be the issue. Infection of a babies blood too often occurs during the birthing process, usually (from what we have been told) due to failed hygienic procedures. We were very concerned and of course have kept the grandmother with us and will have her remain visiting the baby during the days in the hospital... Through this time we have had one of our care ladies stay in the hospital with the baby on an continual basis. This little one made it through the Friday and graduated from intensive care on Saturday which was wonderful news. It does not seem that HIV is an issue and we are hopeful for another little one to have the need for "EDUCATION" in the coming years. Will she be raised at TMC we do not know... there has to be an assessment of the family's abilities to care for her and then proper procedures followed to ascertain the best way forward.

One day we have the hope of "hand in hand cooperation" from our DSWO and look forward to that day with joy!!! Currently we find ourselves communicating through the Directors office to his officer, so it seems, in spite of promises that we would be relieved of this role, we continue being one of the main practical sources of hope/assistance in difficult times for Bangula and area.

We continue to await the High Court Judges decision (from last December 2013) in regards to our Court Case to protect two children from being placed in a disastrous situation. AND... We continue maintaining the definite need for proper assessments of relatives and/or families with whom orphaned babies/children and as well transition plans to join the child into the family. This has not endeared us to some of the authorities who have for times past, from what we have observed for many years, had no accountability in or for the circumstances they have placed defenseless children into.

We have a great hope in the new Minister for Social Services as she seems very much to be a lady with strong desire to care for the babies, children and women who suffer so much. Our few times with her have been encouraging and we look forward to her visit to Bangula when her schedule allows.

So for all who truly care about the babies and children is such difficult life circumstances.. Stay Well.

Always with his grace n love Will n Pam

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