

Dear brothers and sisters,

The past two weeks I spent in Mangochi, Malawi, recording bible story sets in the Yao language. God was with us every step. Through connections with a missionary there, we found a suitable place to record at a christian radio station. This radio station has goals similar to ours: reaching the Yao people with the gospel in their own language. I'd never recorded in a real studio before! We found two Yao-speakers to read the scripts for us. It was also my first time to negotiate wages. The men did a good job. I believe God ministered to their lives, too, as they left their farms for two weeks to read God's word.



The studio was sweltering, maybe 90°F, as Mangochi is entering its hottest season. We only dressed up for the picture.
Left to right: Boris, Jones and I

- Pray for God's spirit of skill in editing the recordings.
- Pray that God will open the hearts of the Yao people to the gospel. The Yao consider Islam to be part of their cultural identity. If one becomes Christian, it's like they've abandoned their tribe. Missionaries have tried interesting tactics like telling them, "You can be a Muslim who follows Jesus." They host bible studies, but do not call it church. We need a spiritual breakthrough, and this happens only through prayer and fasting.
- Pray for our speakers Boris and Jones, that they may grow in grace.
- Praise God that my Thimbukushu recordings from Botswana are finished and uploaded to the globalrecordings.net website. Pray these may find their way into the hands of those with ears to hear. If you know some Thimbukushu, you can have a listen too!

And because I know what really interests you, here are Malawian food pictures:



Left: French fries cooked over a fire

Right: Fried fish with nsima (maize mash) and a tomato sauce



In touch,

Joel