

Dear brothers and sisters,

Back in Malawi! I miss you all already. I wish I could live in two places at once. I traveled well, no major problems. I'm working well, with a new energy and commitment to prayer.

I'm currently finishing up my AIDS and Yao Bible story recordings. I've been editing and giving input for GRN's latest Look, Listen and Live Bible story source scripts-- we're trying to make them easier to translate for people of many backgrounds out in the bush, while maintaining biblical accuracy. (These are abbreviated bible stories, so we have to add some bridges and interpretation, but we want to keep them as close to the original as possible.)



FTS held a week-long staff training. Staff came from other areas like Nkhoma and Nkhonkhotakota. It was a time of learning and laughter. We also hosted a game day for families, with a Malawian mock wedding, to raise money for an outreach to Nkhata Bay. I was a groomsman, and we danced like no tomorrow. (See left.)

The past week I was also host to some nasty larvae parasites, which for your sakes I will not post pictures of. Some of my brothers and sisters here helped in the extraction. It was painful, but my 'doctors' seemed to have fun.

Because of your contributions last year, we provided my friend Davies (and his friends) with medical supplies. I have not seen him since October, but he sent back pictures of them going door-to-door helping people with problems and sharing Jesus with them. (See right.)

Pray for:

- FTS's upcoming leadership training in March, that those who come from the villages would have their minds and hearts renewed.

- We're planning to visit a school next week, talk to students and give them backpacks. May they be impacted spiritually and inspired to live lives for God.

- People in Malawi, particularly in the villages, eat the same food meal after meal. This is just one symptom of Satan suppressing the image of God in us. We were made to explore and create and innovate, like God. I gave new seeds out to some of my friends. Pray especially that people in Nkhonkhotakota, by the lake, would have their minds opened to new physical possibilities (like new food and cultivation techniques) even as they're being nurtured spiritually.



In Christ,

Joel