

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann

Location: **Blantyre, MALAWI**

Mission: **Theological education**



The Glissmanns are living in Malawi. Jinhyeog is involved in a local Primary School as a music teacher. Volker works off-campus as a programme developer for TEEC, the Theological Education by Extension College in Johannesburg, South Africa, and does grassroots theological training in Malawi.

Finishing

This is our last bulletin from Malawi after 16 years here. We are currently in transition, getting ready to leave Malawi at the beginning of July for a period of home assignment prior to taking up a new chapter of service with the Increase Association and based in Malaysia. One part of getting ready was finishing the different courses I was running in church. But we also knew we were leaving, so we offered extra to build additional capacity.

Last Sunday, we graduated 66 learners from 5 different courses, including a facilitator training course to equip members of the congregation to continue running some of the courses after we leave (for one of the other courses, we are revising the facilitator guide). Some of the graduates (the ones with gowns) have studied with me for at least 56 weeks. There are now several very well-qualified facilitators at the church. All of this is very exciting.



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One of the great joys of graduation was that three of the graduates were former trainees from the church who ran one of our courses for a lady's Bible Study. We were able to jointly celebrate and acknowledge the study success of different members of the church. There is great joy in witnessing a facilitator finishing their first course and graduating learners.



One member of a course was posted to South Sudan as a logistics expert. Yet he insisted that we join him online, and he had been a very engaged part of our group. This kind of commitment to growing is so humbling, and that is why I enjoy what I do so much!

Prayer Points:

- Join us in praising God for the graduation, the interest in learning about faith and the training of future facilitators.
- Please pray for us as we leave Malawi to say goodbye to many friends after 16 years and prepare for home assignment.
- Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the whole family.