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Location: **Blantyre, MALAWI**

Mission: **Theological education**



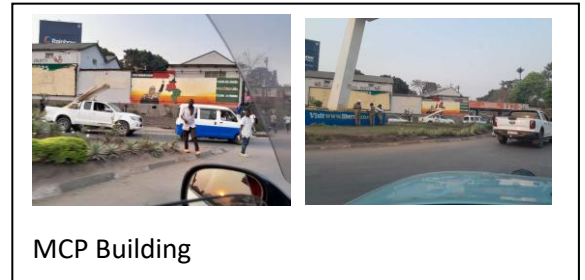
The Glissmanns are living in Malawi. Jinhyeog is involved in a local Primary School as a music teacher. Volker works off-campus as a programme developer for TEEC, the Theological Education by Extension College in Johannesburg, South Africa, and does grassroots theological training in Malawi.

Malawi Presidential Elections in September 2025

General elections were held in Malawi on 16 September 2025 to elect the president, the National Assembly and local councillors. The 85-year-old former president of Malawi, Peter Mutharika of the DPP (Democratic Progressive Party), won a majority of 57% compared to Lazarus Chakwera of the MCP (Malawi Congress Party), who received 33% of the vote.



After the election, there was tension, as both parties claimed victory, even though the election results had not been released. In the end, remarkably, President Chakwera, statesman-like, conceded that he lost the election and congratulated the winner. The inauguration of the new president will take place here in Blantyre on the 4th of October.



The country was on the edge after the election, as political violence was expected, especially since, just after the election, claims on social media were posted that “showed” certain parties leading in the districts with huge majorities (some with majorities above 100% of the electorate). Economically, the last few years have not been good, which explains the electoral shift. Inflation is around 28% and last night fuel prices just went up by 40%

Personal Notes

We will be travelling to the UK during the upcoming school mid-term break, as our daughter Lina is getting married in York, England. Lina’s and Josh’s wedding is on Saturday, October 18th.

Prayer Points:

- Join us in praising God for the peaceful electoral process that the nation has undergone and for a dignified transition to new leadership.
- Continue to pray for the new leadership, as the challenges are many.
- Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the whole family.
- Please pray for Lina and Josh's wedding and for the safe travel of those attending.