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**I made my first trip to Africa in April of 1991** and began taking mission teams each Easter to the Transkei in South Africa. Our mission was to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Xhosa people.

In September 1994, I had an opportunity to visit the Southern part of Malawi to discover humanitarian needs due to refugees coming across the border from the devastating Civil War in Mozambique. I discovered the terrible scourge of water poverty.

Women, girls, and families suffered from contaminated open water sources. Their daily struggle for water gripped my heart. I began working to install water wells in very remote villages in Malawi in 1996. This was the seed planted that has grown into Water Wells for Africa.

Since that first borehole was installed in 1996, Water Wells for Africa (WWFA) has become a stand-alone public benefit non-profit. WWFA has placed at least 400 new water wells in desperate hard-to-reach villages serving

more than 400,000 Malawians each day.

I have journeyed back to Malawi almost every summer possible for the past 28 years. No one was able to travel internationally in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2020 after the pandemic waned in Malawi, our local WWFA team wanted to focus on helping schools reopen. They approached the Department of Education of Malawi and obtained a list of 600 schools without water.

We began focusing on strategically bringing water to very isolated and rural schools in desperate need. WWFA installed 10 water wells in schools at the end of 2020.

We installed another 20 water wells in schools in 2021 and this year 2022, WWFA will bring sustainable water to 30 schools. Over those years and during this long-term relationship, we've discovered that schools, especially in village areas, are under-serviced.

They do not have sufficient classrooms or toilets. Students often meet outdoors, under trees or on the open ground, or under makeshift grass sheds. They have no lights, often no desks, no libraries, very few textbooks, and no water. The teachers are doing the best they can with extremely limited resources.

During our annual site visitation tours, we came to appreciate more deeply the fact that public schools in Malawi teach Bible Knowledge as a core curriculum.

Now compare that to the situation in the United States where—since the US Supreme Court decisions of 1962 and 1963—Bible reading and prayer have been forbidden in public schools.

It was shocking to realize that teaching the Bible was still considered basic, primary education for young people in Malawi. We also discovered among the many textbooks that are lacking was the Bible. In one school with over 800 students, there was only 1 Bible. The headmaster of the Nyanjanje school in Mangochi guarded that lonely Bible in his office.

I put together the Good News For Schools project with the backing, support and enthusiastic assistance of my friends and Foursquare partners in Christ forged over the last 28 years to begin the Good News for Schools project.

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I can only imagine that the situation in Southern Malawi exists throughout the country.

We plan to walk boldly through the open door that God has provided to bring as many Bibles as possible to as many schools as possible in Malawi. And with God all things are possible.

We have already funded the purchase and delivery of our first 2,000 Bibles to 11 schools in Southern Malawi. I wired the funds directly and securely to their bank account in Blantyre.

We have rock-solid accountability structures in place from decades of partnership on the ground in Malawi. The Bible Society of Malawi is situated in the very city of Blantyre just down the street from the Foursquare Church. Our Malawian friends are in a relationship with the people who operate The Bible Society in Blantyre.

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, they drove across town and picked up 72 boxes of Chichewa and English Bibles. The first Good News For Schools Bible delivery began Monday, October 24th to schools in Mangochi and Machinga.

Our team is on the road delivering the Bibles. Touch a child with the Word of God — you touch the next generation.

As you can imagine, this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get Bibles into the hands of students and teachers may not always be such a wide-open door.

### **THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!**

The costs of purchase (including delivery and accountability reports) are about \$20 per Bible.

Our Malawian team will follow up and ensure that the Bibles are actively used at the schools that receive them.

Right now, our partners in Malawi have identified 50 schools in need of Bibles.

We could easily put 10,000 Bibles in the hands of students as school textbooks for the next 12 years. We need your help and support to purchase 3 million Bibles for the Good News For Schools Project.

Be a part of this great opportunity to invest in eternity.

### **WE CAN DO THIS!**



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