



# RCA Missionary Update

## from the McAuleys

Linda and Larry McAuley have served in RCA missions since 1981. Fifteen of those years were in pioneer church planting and community development in Kenya. Since 1998 they have worked in Malawi and Mozambique with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, the Reformed Church in Mozambique, and Save Orphans Ministries as consultants in community and organizational development. Each of these partners carries out holistic and transformational development through evangelism, adult literacy, HIV/AIDS prevention, orphan care, food and financial security, restoration of the environment, social justice, disaster response, and diaconal development. They work with a total of about 20,000 participants, which results in an impact on the lives of about 100,000 people.

### Malawi facts:

- Population: 11,906,850
- Size: 118,480 square kilometers (slightly smaller than Pennsylvania)
- Major religions: 55 percent Protestant, 20 percent Catholic, 20 percent Muslim, 3 percent indigenous beliefs, 2 percent other



### MINISTRY

Community and Organizational Development

### PARTNERS

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Save Orphans Ministries, the Reformed Church in Mozambique, and Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

### LOCATION

Malawi and Mozambique

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Dear friends in Christ,

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(l to r) Christina, Jane, Bornface

“This was a trip of a lifetime.” Those were the words of Bornface, Christina and Jane as they returned from a trip to Calgary, Canada to visit friends at New Hope Church

who are partnering with their community here in Malawi.

The partnership between the Kamanzi community and New Hope began back in April 2009 when four members of New Hope CRC in Calgary visited Malawi. New Hope Church’s mission statement is “to build a reciprocal relationship with a community in Africa. We want to help them develop holistic and sustainable projects to help improve the quality of their lives. In return we believe we can learn a great deal about life from them.” And this has been happening!

The 10 members of the Kamanzi Development Committee have been actively pursuing their goals of having the communities be more food secure and also to help the

nursery age children, especially the orphans, grow healthy in mind and body. They oversee work in seed loans of new crops, building EcoSan latrines, providing goats and pigs for community members and running seven nursery schools.

When New Hope extended an invitation for two members of the Kamanzi committee along with the development coordinator to visit Canada in September, they were eager to go. Bornface, Jane and Christina had opportunity to share their work and a bit of what life in Malawi is like with both the New Hope Church and a Christian school. They met with a number of groups over meals to build relationships. They were amazed at some of the things they saw. Giant tractors for field work when they do all



their field work by hand. Experiencing cold and ice and watching people skate around the ice at their first hockey game! Seeing husbands helping their wives – Bornface said he was going to implement that! Being rather sad to leave the bed behind and go back to sleeping on a mat on the ground!

And this is not the end of the relationship! A number of folks from New Hope plan to visit Malawi again in the spring of 2013 – and they want to spend some overnights in the village with their friends. Bornface said that he told the pastor he would need to come with a suit coat and tie – not the casual wear that most North Americans are accustomed to! Lots of interesting cultural differences in these situations but we praise God that He is the one true God no matter what side of the world you live on!



*Christina, Jane and Bornface respond to interview questions at New Hope CRC*

Our Lord Jesus Christ also made an amazing cross-cultural trip when He set aside the glory He shared with the Father to come as a baby born in a cow-shed to a poor, young couple. He grew as a lad among His people. He grew into a man living a perfect, God-honouring life. He healed the sick, raised the dead, opened the eyes of the blind, caused the deaf to hear and dumb to speak. He showed us how to understand God's Word – and how to live it. And finally He was arrested on trumped up charges, harassed and abused, and handed over to be crucified, dying for your sins and mine that God's righteous wrath against our rebellion might be satisfied. It is all of THAT which we celebrate at Christmas!

love and that you will use every opportunity to tell others. THANK you for your consistent support for the work here through giving and praying – support that makes our work with Jane and Bornface and Christina possible... support that makes it possible for us to work with our church partners in Malawi and Mozambique... support that encourages others and demonstrates the gift of God's love.

We pray your Christmas will be FULL of the wonder of Jesus'

Your co-workers in Kingdom work,

Larry and Linda McAuley

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