

Good afternoon everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beauty of Fall and the cooler temperatures. Attached are a few documents highlighting Ed & Paul's trip to Malawi, Africa. First you will find a document called African Advance 2024 which Ed put together showing what has been accomplished since the beginning of Furtherance's relationship with Pastor Pyton, up to and including their last trip in August. Also, you will find two additional documents that are pictures of different projects that have been completed, along with the Malawian trip. We pray you will enjoy seeing the great and wonderful things the Lord is doing in this country.

We can't thank everyone enough for all the prayers and financial support to Furtherance Ministries and the African Advance Project. None of this would be possible without the commitment of folks like you who care about and love others who are in desperate need of our help.

EXCITING NEWS - Our new website has now gone live. We would love to have your feedback and thoughts on what you think of it. The website address is the same as the old one [Home | Furtherance \(furtheranceministries.com\)](http://Home|Furtherance(furtheranceministries.com)) . Along with the new website we now have a YouTube channel that is currently only showing Ed's Life Story. However, in the near future we hope to have a video of the Africa project, Ed is also working on a video presentation on "How to get to Heaven", and plans for much more. The YouTube channel address is Furtherance Ministries - YouTube . We believe both the new website and YouTube channel will become a great source of sharing the gospel with a lost world.

I hope you all have a wonderful rest of the week and God bless you all.

In Christ Alone,
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AFRICAN ADVANCE 2024

We have recently returned from another trek into Africa, which we call the African Advance. Cree Pastor Paul Moses and I would work in some of the same areas where world famous missionary, David Livingstone served in the 1800's. We made Blantyre our base of operations, a city named after David Livingstone's hometown in Scotland. Blantyre has a population of less than 1,000,000 people. The total population of Malawi is 20 million people and is rated as the poorest country in Africa.

The reason why we called this outreach African Advance is because the word "Advance" is in total opposition to the word retreat. As children of God, we must not be just holding our own and we must not be retreating in this hour, but we must be advancing.

In 2020, we were contacted by Pastor Pyton who is a church planter in Africa with 10 churches to his credit. Furtherance Ministries began to work with Pastor Pyton in Malawi, South Africa. Furtherance helped to repair some of the church buildings. Some of them needed much work and would leak profusely in the rainy season. We provided these churches with Hymn Books and Bibles. Pastor Pyton was walking, taking boats, hiking rides on a motorcycle or using a bicycle to get to many of the remote areas in Malawi. Furtherance Ministries was able to help him get set up with an office and we purchased a car for him. This got things moving in a higher gear.

Last year Pastor Paul Moses, a Cree pastor from Waskaganish, Quebec and myself felt led of the Lord to make a trip into Malawi, Africa. We held evangelistic outreaches and taught pastors. We also put together small libraries of books and Bibles for these men and their congregations. We witnessed over 500 people make decisions for Christ during that trip. Before we arrived, a vicious cyclone wiped out homes and businesses. People were starving and homeless. Kids were scattered on the cement floor of a church which survived the storm. Women sat helpless as they wondered what was going to happen. They tried to keep many children subdued in a small proximity. We started a Preschool to keep the kids occupied and we ordered two commercial sewing machines so the ladies could make clothes for themselves and clothes for sale. We worked hard for 10 days in September of 2023. The church was encouraged and edified during this time. We witnessed more than 500 decisions for Christ. After returning home, we purchased land for the tenth church plant, had a well drilled and a second Preschool started. We feed the kids daily in the preschool. Muslim kids attend and find food and education. They learn about Jesus. Their parents also hear about Jesus as they meet with teachers.

How has God used Furtherance Ministries to minister to the people of Malawi over these past years?

1. Ten church congregations have been strengthened. Churches have been repaired, Hymn Books and Bibles have been made available. Two homes have been built for pastors that were destroyed during the Cyclone.
2. Land was purchased for the 10th church in a largely Muslim territory. The church is 80 feet long and 30 feet wide. It was dedicated to the Lord on our recent trip in August 2024. This trip which saw approximately 150 people respond to Christ upon hearing the gospel message.
3. The car we provided for Pastor Pyton was replaced with a half-ton truck. The car was sold and the funds were used to buy two motorcycles and three bicycles for pastors. We also bought three more commercial sewing machines for the ladies.
4. In the past year we purchased a piece of property for a small farm where bananas, Paw

Paw plants, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, Chinese cabbage and other crops were planted. The first harvest has been taken off the field and a second harvest should be ready in November. We have drilled a well which operates by solar panels and fills a 5,000-litre tank on an elevated structure. This helps with the irrigation. This land was made available because of a generous gift from a lady in New Brunswick who had a heart for missions. After her homeward money was made available for the land and for the well. We dedicated the land to the Lord while we were there this year. The farm is now known as the Ruby Morrissey Farm.

5. Workers working on the farm are paid \$4.00 per day. This is the going rate. We use solar lights to light the fields to prevent theft of crops and farm utensils. Guards also provide watchful care. The farm produces food for the family of God and a surplus for the surrounding community. We plan to expand the land's use as the Lord provides.
6. We have projects we would like to see accomplished. More church plants are on the horizon. Evangelism will always be our priority. The kids who leave our preschool and go to the regular school are far more advanced than the kids in the secular school. We have discussed starting a full pledged Christian School there. We have land.

How does a small Ministry with one full time worker and another part-time worker see this much accomplished. First of all, it would not be possible if not for the support of God's people. We are humbled to know you believe in us. We pray God will make us worthy of your trust.

One lady put it this way, "How truly wonderful. My thoughts go to the story of the one drop of water. The folks who are supporting this ministry have been blessed as you and Paul have been." All the many drops of water make streams in the desert of a dry and thirsty land. You might think you cannot be of any help. Our dollar goes a long way in Africa. Thanks to all who pray and all who give.

As I look back over my time there I weep. We have left behind workers in the Hotel where we stayed who are treated terribly by their foreign employers. I hear the voice of crying mothers and children.

"I and my kids are suffering without food and so many things, sometimes we sleep without food. To me it is tough, I cry, my kids cry for hunger, Please keep me in your prayers and I will pray for you." A Mother in Malawi.

I am also encouraged by what can happen when we all work together. Here are the words of a young man with great ministry potential:

"The difference that has been made here just because of your visit is not that of which can be seen in only a few weeks, the results will keep manifesting in the next few years to come, so take it from me the legacy lives on! Thank you for reviving myself and Malawi and large." A Young Christian Malawian Man.

Thank you for supporting us, praying for us, and encouraging us in the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and abroad. We love each one of you and are very aware that none of this could be done without your help. We are indebted to you. May God richly bless you. You are a faithful steward in God's great work.

We have a busy fall road schedule. Our new website will be up shortly where you will be able to see if we are near you.

Keeping on keeping on for Christ,
Ed, Theresa, Eloise





