

## QUOTE DU JOUR:

“...He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power...”

SAINT PAUL'S LETTER  
TO THE EPHESIANS  
(Chapter 3, Verse 20)

## RADIO AFRICA – “VISION FOR CHRIST”

Responses, as always, continue to arrive at FVM from across the African continent. We are greatly encouraged by the obvious interest and blessing in countries where we have never visited and where there is currently incredible hardship.

*I am a young man brought up under traditional beliefs of ancestral worship so I never cared much about the thing of the Bible. But a friend of mine many times persuaded me to listen to your program “Vision For Christ” over Radio Africa Two. I finally did just to please him. I found the message powerful and authoritative. Now when I compare the faith of the Bible and that of our tradition the latter appears to hold no water. I really believe in the God of the Bible...*

Forgive Magede  
Kana Mission School  
Nkaye, Zimbabwe

*We, in this part of the world, live in a desperate and hopeless nation. Life becomes a meaningless and complex situation but when I listen to the word in “Vision For Christ” over Radio Africa Two, I see light at the end of the tunnel. That is, life eternal by faith in God.*

*May God richly bless your wonderful message to give hope to thousands like us who are spiritually bonded.*  
Mururami Hwakwa  
Sizinda Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

*We are the group of people always listening for your radio programs presented over radio East Africa on Sunday. We are very much committed by attending to your programs. Your lessons have changed many non-believers' lives, knowing how lessons are going on now my students have accepted your teaching.*

Albert Chilima  
Nchelenge District  
Luapula Province  
Zambia, Central Africa

*I recently heard your program through the Shortwave Transmission of Radio Africa monitored here in Ibadan, Nigeria recently and I must confess that I was blessed: my spirit was lifted up and I was really encouraged in the Lord.*

Bro. Segun Idowu  
Ibadan, Nigeria

## REFLECTION: YOU LISTEN AND YOU LEARN (MALAWI – APRIL 2009) *By Stephen Lauer*

With Dan Hayhoe, I visited Malawi in the spring of 2009 to start the ball rolling as to *New Malawi Development* with our focus on eye care and on education.

A few days after our arrival in the capital city, Dan and I were traveling through beautiful and lush topography which was dotted by several rural villages that seemingly had not changed in hundreds of years.

As we were driving, I took out my note book and wrote down these thoughts.

“The reality of the financial meltdown that started in the fall of 2008 first hits the development community of impoverished nations. Western development agencies have seen their revenues radically shrink. Big proposals with costly infrastructure have been shelved.”

So how will this really impact the people of Malawi?

It seems to me that Malawians working for large Western NGO's (Non-Governmental Organizations) will be the first to have their lives turned around. These agencies will simply have less revenues coming in. Accountants will be searching for ways to reduce costs. The easiest way to deal with this shortfall will be to let go of some of the Malawian staff. The financial people are not heartless. They would know their decisions will cause terrible hardships for these now ex-employees and their families... no unemployment insurance or income support systems to soften the blow.

The next in line will be the service industry... the hotels ... the restaurants ... the markets that vie for the western NGO workers. These places are not as full as they once were. This means that there are less people making a livelihood by serving meals, or by selling carvings.

These adverse changes are apparent to me who has just been in the country for only a few days. It is difficult to know how it will all unfold. But it is obvious that less Western development and aid money will flow into Malawi in the next few years.

Now it is time to look at my own heart. What will I give up for people in Malawi? Here I am experiencing it first-hand. If I am not willing to personally give, how can I ask anyone else to give?

So I asked God in my own head to help me to be discerning as to what I can do now.

God very quickly showed me where to invest my own money. But more importantly He told me to listen and learn.

In the next few weeks, I learned some amazing things about what the church and government were doing in Malawi. The church is playing a key role in dealing with HIV and AIDS and in gender inequality. The church is boldly telling men to start playing their expected role from God of being protectors of women and children and not of being users. The church is demanding high expectations of young people for sexual purity.

I heard the Attorney General of the Malawian government share from her heart at a student conference that young people are responsible for their sexual behaviour and to “wait for their time”.

I heard many stories from Malawian Christians who had very little economically but who were demonstrating the joy of the Lord in their lives.

Listen and learn.



## 13TH ANNUAL DINNER- AUCTION A SUCCESS!

On April 18th FVM hosted our 13th annual dinner and auction at the Holiday Inn in Cambridge.

Over 250 people were in attendance to enjoy the beautiful décor, great live music, an excellent dinner and over 200 items for auction.

By all accounts it was a great success as an opportunity to hear what God is doing at the Popcorn House and in Malawi, Central Africa, as well as through the African Radio Broadcasting.

We wish to thank all those who made this evening so memorable – the organizing committee, attendees, generous donors and sponsors, and all of the key people throughout the evening who guided us through such an enjoyable time of fellowship and information.

We especially wish to thank Vince Ciccone of Trinity Foundation who generously sponsored the entire evening.

Over \$70,000 was contributed towards FVM's various initiatives in Canada and Africa.

Thank you!

**See you on Saturday, April 17, 2010  
for our 14th Dinner!**

## TAWONGA

“Tawonga” is a Chitumbuka word from Northern Malawi meaning “We are grateful.” This feature of Frontiers allows us to say thank you to those who have partnered with us in a significant way – either financially or through encouragement and support to “keep pressing on.”

Our “Tawonga” this time goes to Heather Berry who passed away on May 17th after several years of battling cancer. Heather was not only a wonderful, positive, happy wife to Don and mother to Justin, Calvin, Emily and Gillian but she also had incredible and unwavering faith in her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. She is now at rest in Heaven.

Heather was a valuable board member of Future Vision Ministries prior to her diagnosis a few years ago. She was a blessing to us all and countless others whom she never met through her contributions to shaping the vision for Popcorn House and Matunkha, Malawi. She was an advocate of the “Educate A Child” program which enabled hundreds of children in Malawi to gain a quality education at Tenthere School at Matunkha. When she arrived “home” in heaven there was undoubtedly an exuberant African welcome complete with music, dancing and ululating (the traditional trilling sound from the tongue and throat of African women as they celebrate a time of joy and approval, for example, at a wedding). There are Malawian children there grinning as they hold her hand and whisper shyly, “Yewo chomene (thank you) Auntie (a term of honour and friendship) for caring about us. We are here now because you did something to reach us all the way over in Malawi. We came a little ahead of you but now you have come too. Tawonga.”





## WHAT'S POPPIN'

By Chris Hayhoe



As we wind up another session of Spring programs and plunge into the Summer Camp activities at Popcorn House, we bid farewell to a number of terrific volunteers and welcome back old and new staff members and volunteers:

We are excited to have on board a new volun-

teer co-ordinator and assistant Recreation staff member, Tamara Lewis!

We are also very thankful for two new placement students this Spring, Monica Braga from the Child & Youth Worker program at Mohawk College, and Derek Banks a Recreation Student from Conestoga College. Our enthusiastic, energetic "Chippy", aka Laura O'Krafka, has returned for her 3rd summer as our Summer Camp Director and is then off to Teacher's College in the Fall. What an amazing team we have, all co-ordinated and facilitated by our talented Recreation Director — Mike Watson! Thank you for keeping things "poppin" for us here at Popcorn House!

Recently, we received very generous funding from the Sunrise Rotary Club for our proposal for "The Staircase Project". This project offers at-risk children the opportunity to engage in broader social and educational activities. One of the programs this has helped fund is our GURLS club — Girl's Understanding Real Life Skills. A short write-up by Julie Hanna gives us a look into one of these very valuable programs:

"The focus of the GURLS program is to help girls between the ages of 10 and 13 develop self confidence and friendship building skills to help them make good life decisions through drama, games and group activities. Through discussions about everyday issues young girls face, such as eating disorders and puberty, we strive to help the girls develop a deeper understanding of the issues they may be experiencing in their lives. We also take them on out trips focused on teamwork in order to encourage working together and help them build healthy relationships with each other. Examples of trips include Laser Quest and mini golf, requiring teams/partners ensures they work together and rely on one another for help. This not only assists in establishing great friendships, but it also breaks down ethnic or age-related barriers. We also focus on building each girl's self esteem, whether it is through activities like our makeover day, photo shoots or group and individual discussions. Our hope is that each girl will learn that she is unique and beautiful."

Joanne Hookumchand has been with us just a few short months working in our ESL (English as a Second Language) program and we have enjoyed watching her work wonders in our kitchen, researching and exchanging recipes with our women from around the world. We have tasted some terrific dishes from Turkey, China, Liberia, Pakistan, and Canada, and look forward to more exciting creations in the Fall! Other topics of discussion include: writing resumes, preparing and dressing for a job interview, writing thank you letters and building self-confidence while communicating in English. Joanne has encouraged dialogue, creativity, confidence, and the development of English language skills in a class where the ripples of laughter mingle with the wonderful aroma of food.

Joanne is travelling in the Fall throughout Europe to nine countries and we look forward to her returning and sharing her exciting adventures with us next year! Our prayers will be with her as she faces new challenges ahead.

# MALAWI UPDATE:

As the "Reflections" article outlines, Stephen Lauer and I spent two weeks in Malawi in early April this year. Attending a 3-day Easter student conference was a highlight for both of us. Newton Sindo is the regional chair of this student association and an experienced Christian development worker having previously served with FVM at Matunkha, as well as in several other capacities. He has recently completed his diploma at Soche Technical College in Rural and Community Development. We look forward to working together with him in Malawi.

Following are excerpts from a June 11th email from him:

"We have been so busy for the past four weeks now with SCOM (Student Christian Organization of Malawi) work. This includes HIV/AIDS awareness among the students. We are bringing a message to young people on prevention, care and support. We received initial funding from Tear-fund to tackle HIV/AIDS only. We have organized several joint meetings. We want to finally reach out (by June 27, 2009) to 1000 young people. We have even encouraged each other to make sure at each and every meeting, Christ is preached and, the chance is given so that some may decide to receive Jesus Christ. This is our ultimate goal.

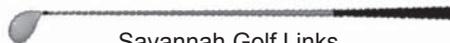
We are planning a very big Secondary School Leavers' Conference from the 23rd to 26th of July 2009 at Mulanje Secondary School. This is intended to bring together about 350 school leavers. It is to tackle many areas affecting Malawian School Leavers, like HIV/AIDS, early and unplanned marriages, high rate of unemployment, Satanism and career guidance. The theme of the Conference is "Being light and salt of the world (seasoning the society)" derived from Matthew 5:12-16.

On a personal note, I and Idah are fine together with our son, Praise. We are praying that God should open the door for the registration process to be finalized on time. As I said the other day, we are ready even for the preliminary work even in a very SMALL way to serve as GOD puts opportunities at our disposal. God might still save a soul through the smallest way as we are looking forward to having the big way. "As we look for big opportunities, we are surrounded with several 'minor' opportunities, that if well managed, make us fully prepared for the bigger ones" Pastor Matthew Ashmololo.

Greet the FVM family. We are fine."

Newton Sindo

## Savannah Golf Links Golf Tournament



Savannah Golf Links  
Cambridge, ON

Saturday, September 19, 2009  
**SCRAMBLE - PRIZES FOR ALL**

**COST: \$150 PER PERSON**

(cost includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, prizes, and a \$50 tax receiptable donation to FVM)

**TEE OFF TIMES: 1-3:30pm**

**Dinner & Small Auction to follow**

Additional dinner tickets for spouses or guests can be purchased for \$40 each

**TO REGISTER**

call 519-249-0517

or

email: [popcorn@popcornhouse.ca](mailto:popcorn@popcornhouse.ca)

**ATTENTION:**

Register before July 31 to be entered into a draw to win a free day of golf at Savannah Golf Links (includes 4 green fees and two carts)

**OUR GOALS FOR 2009**

1. New Literacy Initiative at Popcorn House — \$5,000
2. Youth Leadership and Development Program — \$5,000
3. Sponsor New Canadians for Further Education — \$5,000

**TOTAL: \$15,000**



## PRAYER POINTS FOR MALAWI

By Dan Hayhoe

1. Successful completion of registration as an international NGO.
2. Pending registration, a preliminary study and needs assessment in Eastern Zomba District, Southern Malawi.
3. Ongoing liaison with national and local government agencies in developing community-based rural daycare centres providing basic care, education, nutrition and eye/vision care especially to the 2 to 6 year old population.
4. Ongoing links with other local and international NGO's as we develop partnerships in this work.
5. Maintenance of our working relationship between FVM, University of Waterloo and Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Malawi in facilitating eye care services.
6. Developing potential for a family practice rotation for residents from McMaster University Medical School.

... and in all this that we would do God's will in fulfilling the mandate of FVM.

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