

## “I will not be silent!”

Isaiah 62:6 has to be one of the most powerful passages on prayer in the Bible. “I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem. They will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.” Here the people of Israel are given an unrelenting call to seek God until His Kingdom comes. And this call to God’s people still rings 2,000 years later as we pray that God’s “Kingdom come and His will be done.” When I read this passage, I’m moved by the magnitude of the call, but at the same time I struggle to find the will and endurance to seek God with this kind of passion. Where does the motivation come from to be so strongly committed? Undoubtedly we could say there are many places from which motivation for prayer can arise; thanksgiving, the greatness of God, the brokenness of our world, suffering...the list can go on. But I believe one of the most powerful motivations is found a few verses earlier in Is. 62:1. The LORD says, “For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.” Why are we called by God to a never-ceasing participation in seeking the reign of Christ more fully on earth? Because this is what God Himself longs to see. “I will not be silent...” HE says. The clearest action of God’s refusal to keep silent is surely in God becoming the Word, in Christ. And perhaps this is seen nowhere more “loudly” than in the “silence” of God on the cross. I hear Jesus saying, “Be passionate about this, because I AM.” God is un-renting in His pursuit of people, in His desire to see lives healed and restored, people being formed more into the radiant image of Christ, and he calls us to the same. We are not crying to a judge who is stubborn and refuses to act until we persist long enough, but rather to a Father, our Father, who has moved toward us before we even began to call. Deep motivation for prayer begins to grow when we are more clearly able to see the joyful song of redemption God sings, and that we are called to sing the same tune because He sings it,

until Jesus complete reign comes. And amazingly, God allows our cry to have some bearing on His will being done here on earth.

These two passages from Isaiah have been painted on opposite walls in our prayer room on the Namikango campus as reminder that we have been called to pray, but also the reason why we should do so. Due to the help of Samantha Wheeler and Taylor Castleberry (two of our recent interns) we now have a map of Malawi on the wall as well, with our village Bible school centers located in their districts. We had a local artist do the finishing touches, as well as painting a map of the world. This has been a renewed motivation for us to continue seeking God, not only for Malawi and Namikango’s work, but for God’s global Kingdom.

This is where God has been moving us, but we do not forget that your daily prayers for God’s global Kingdom are why we are even here praying in the first place.

Thank you so much for un-ceasing efforts to partner with us here. Blessings to you all.

**Ben Hayes**



## God's Master Design is Worldwide!

As we head into October, the heat of the Malawi dry season starts to ramp up towards its hottest time of the year. With the way God has designed Africa though, this also means many trees and plants are bursting forth with colors to match the sun's heat. The lavender beauty of the Jacaranda trees that tower over the Mission property and the brilliant colors of Bougainvillea seem to be at their brightest, they stand out in the now dusty surroundings of the otherwise lush terrain.

I find it amazing how the colors from trees in many places in the world are brought on by the cold, but here, colors come not from the leaves, but from trees that flower, and not from the cold, but from the heat. Sometimes the beauty is so great you just wish you could eat it... But wait, you can because this is the mango's season as well – one of God's blessings to earth.

In addition to the seasonal changes comes the end of the Bible school session for this year. As it draws near, students are reminded that it is time for them to be back home to prepare their gardens. We have three weeks left with our campus students here at the Mission before they finish up for the year.

Lastly, we've had another new addition to our team with the coming of Hellen Kabinda. She is the daughter of one of the very well respected church elders in our region, and she is going to be helping us in our accounts department. We have been praying about this position for a long time and feel God has answered our prayers. We are pleased to have Hellen on staff. We'll share more on her in a future staff bio.



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Tea Fields near the Mission

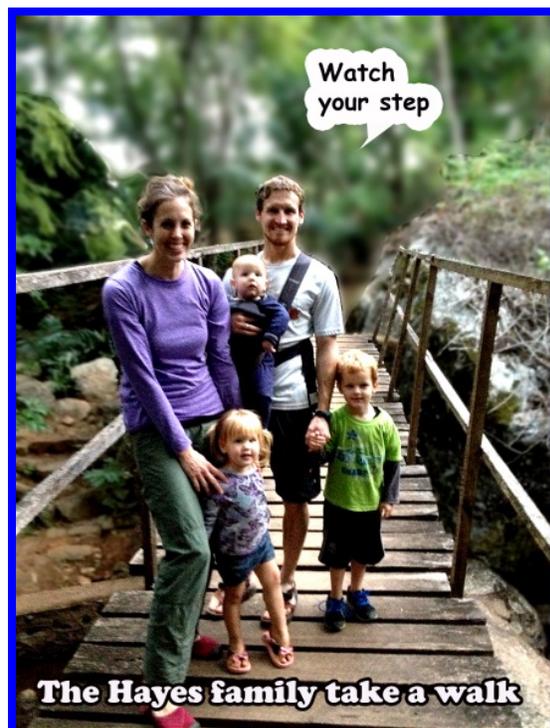
## A Solid Foundation

"See, I am doing a new thing..."

Here we are, sitting in the middle of something really really big, amazed to even have a part in it; even more, amazed to be a part of legacy that so many before us have laid the foundation for. For there to be two Hayes families here once again, as there was at the very beginning of the work seems to us, more than just ironic. But even aside from the work done by the missionaries here in Malawi, how this coincides with where the work is stateside is also amazing. The partnership that many of you have had with the Mission for many years is a **solid foundation** of prayer and financial support that is now growing even as the Mission changes here. All of us have the opportunity to benefit from the strong foundation that has been laid. It seems God is not just letting us rest on all that happened before us, though, as he is the one opening these new doors, with new transitions, leaving some things behind, building on much that already exists, and preparing for new territory all together. So this means we are also, all of us, invited and privileged to get to be a part of this next part of Namikango's history as well. I'm reminded of the time when my family made the huge transition from Kenya back to the States in 1999, during

which I remember my dad often referencing Isaiah 43:18-19. "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Those are powerful words as we continue to move with God. He is always working and perhaps one of our main tasks is to make sure we are with Him. This is a call to keep us from complacency in what we have already done, and to be attentive to what God is doing among us now. May He continue to lead all of us and may we be present to His leading.

Ben Hayes



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The Hayes family take a walk



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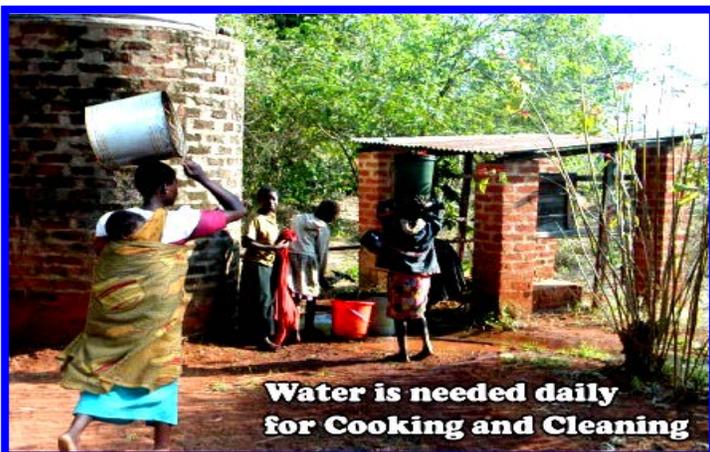
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## Water Wells

We have two wells on the Mission campus, both of which have been in operation for many years. One of the pumps supplies water to the Bible School side of the campus, and the other to the Maternity Clinic side, and we have a storage tank for each side. If power is off for a while, the Maternity tank tends to drain first due to the high usage at the Clinic. This creates a small crisis situation since water is desperately needed there.

For quite some time now, the old Maternity Clinic submersible water pump often fails to work. The time has come for us to purchase and install a new one, especially as the dry season approaches where possible drought sets in.



Having a good pump will ensure we are able to continue operations on campus, at the Maternity, as well as helping to provide a water source for the community around us. The local villagers know that they are welcome to use the water from our tanks and the largest amount of our water goes to the local families. This is respected as a good will gesture to our neighbors.

The cost for a Submersible Pump is \$729. If you would like to have a personal Mission project, I would invite you to take on the purchase of this water pump. The one we went with is the same brand as the original, which is very durable.

We have discussed upgrading the water supply and that is something we will need to do for the future, even potentially digging another new well for the campus.

**Ben Hayes**





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## The Old Mission House becomes New Offices for Many

Many new and wonderful things are happening at Namikango, and one of the greatest blessings recently is the addition of new staff members. We will soon be officially introducing them to you. With the addition of new personnel comes the need for more office space – God's timing is perfect. With the Ben Hayes family recently moving to nearby Zomba, we have access to the old, historic, Mission house. It is ideal to accommodate our increased staff with some of the staff remaining in the other offices . . . "Thank you Lord."

Now we will be able to best utilize the old Mission house in a good, sustainable way. As an added benefit, staff members enjoy getting to work closer to each other.

Another new use of space to be developed will be a common area for daily fellowship and tea time. This will be what was previously referred to as the Wilks wing of the house. It will be renovated into the new Library and office space for Bible teachers.

The old living room will become a spacious meeting room with a large oval desk and chairs to accommodate our growing team.

Suffice it to say, the new office and fellowship spaces will take getting used to, but have already provided much-needed expansion, change, and excitement around the place . . . which is a good thing.

**Ryan Hayes**