

Year-End Staff Awards by Symon Katete

It has been a good tradition at year's end for the Mission staff to come together for a joyful time of celebration and honoring those who have worked well. Good food and soft drinks were served with the exchanging of gifts. This was followed by speeches by Ben, Ryan, and Eric who reported on progress for the year.

Then came time to present the gifts and awards to members of staff who have performed well during the year. This is always a joyous time.

It was an enjoyable time as 2018 came to an end - with Best Wishes to all of you as we begin 2019!

The following were honored in various categories:

On the Mission side

Most hard-working [Tinkhani Phiri](#), Sustainable Projects Coord.

Most punctual [Symon Katete](#), Senior Advisor

Most presentable [Hellen Kabinda](#), Accountant

Employee of the Year [Hellen Kabinda](#), Acct (2 awards)

At the Maternity Clinic

Most hard-working [Rosemary Bamusi](#), Patient Attendant

Most presentable [Ester Kalitera](#), Patient Attendant

Most punctual [Mrs. Bridget Malumbe](#), Nurse in Charge

Nurse of the Year [Ester Mwale](#)



Thyolo Camp Meeting

Several from the Mission went to a three-day-camp-meeting at Thyolo Church of Christ. They had the official opening of the newly completed building and invited Brother Symon for the "Ribbon Cutting" event.

The Elders held a singing outside before services, followed by the official ribbon cutting, a baptism, and lots of Gospel preaching. It was a good day, with 541 people attending! Some came from nearby towns. Blessings, [Styford Blazio](#)



Out-Patient Building Nearing Completion

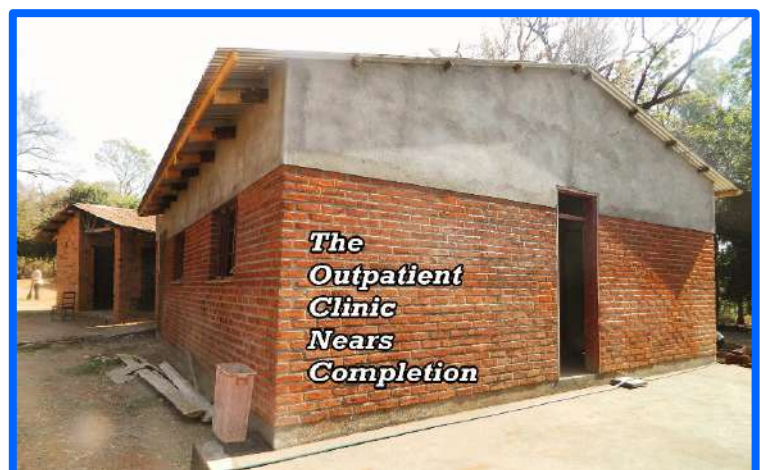
It has been encouraging to the staff to see the Out-Patient Building progress on the medical side of the Mission. We are excited to see how well this fits in with the existing structures. There are only a few minor touches to the interior of the building remaining as well as completing the toilet block that goes with this building. We hope to see all these things completed very shortly.

The next phase will be to get the rooms ready for use and for inspection. Once everything is set, we will have the Medical Council of Malawi approve us for operation and then be able to move forward.

Namikango Mission leaders have always wanted our presence there to be a signal that we were there to help the people as well as share the Good News of salvation. We do not intend to introduce people to Christ then walk away. The Gospel of Christ is more than that; it is showing a man how to plant seed so he will have food for his family. It is binding up a man's wounds so he will heal. When we extend a helping hand, people are anxious to know more about this Christ who

drives us. This Out-Patient facility work will open many doors for the Gospel message.

We appreciate your prayers and encouragement for this ministry and the other projects happening. There are many steps ahead . . . we are only beginning. God is good! [Ben](#)



Administrative Block by Ben Hayes

As part of our future plan to have a new Bible School on the Mission campus, we began 2018 by building a Bible Classroom. It has been completed! We have begun construction of the next building in the Bible School plans – an Administrative Building. God has blessed us!

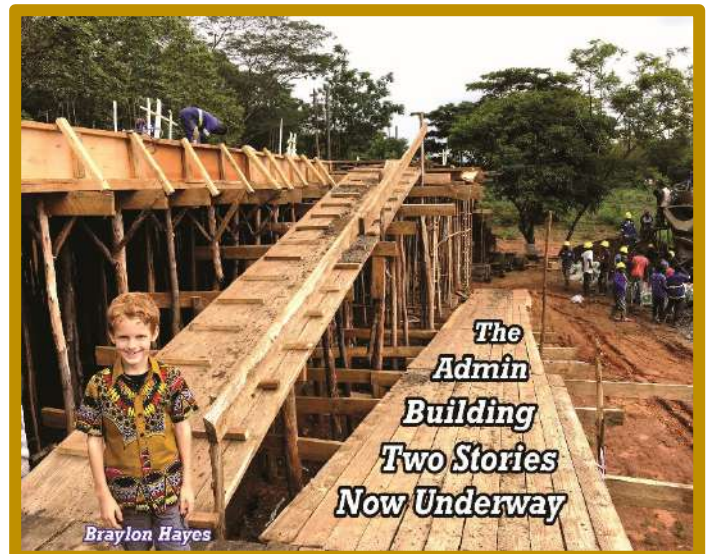
Due to the expansion and growth of our staff the last few years, we have had a major challenge in finding the office space to accommodate everyone. We converted the old Mission House into an office and conference building. This is where my family and all our prior missionary families lived. It has been a valuable step to convert this solid, but old, building for office use.

Even so, we continue to feel the pressure of needing more space to get all our work done.

The administration block will serve the purpose of providing the needed space for all our office staff. Plus, this move will free up some of the existing buildings to be used in other ways such as a library and study hall for the students, and potentially serving as a daycare facility.

We broke ground on the Admin Building in 2018 and things are moving along well. We hope to have it finished by the end of March 2019.

All of these projects are for the purpose of having a new Bible School on campus that will provide an English curriculum plus a Chichewa curriculum, which is something we have not offered before. But we are not there yet. Still to come in the plans are student dormitories, a kitchen, and dining area. These are essential in order to start the school and accommodate students and their families on campus. We have made a lot of progress toward this goal already with the new class room and beginning of the Administration building . . . But we are not there yet. Though we currently don't have the funds to start the dorms and kitchen buildings, we are trusting that God will provide what is needed in good time so that we can continue with this exciting new phase in Namikango's future. We are eager to see God glorified through all our plans and we invite you to join us on this journey with your prayers and finances.



Call to Prayer

On Sunday, Jan. 27th, the Board of Directors led a special Day of Prayer on behalf of Namikango Mission. We ask for your continued prayers.

Please save this and use it this as a reminder when you pray.

- [Pray for the team in Malawi](#)
- [Pray for the Board of Directors](#)
- [Pray for the 2019 Capital Campaign Fund Drive](#)
- [Pray that every outreach effort will result in the salvation of souls](#)

We Need Your Help

We ask each of you to consider being a part of this exciting time. As we enter into a new level of outreach, we need your help. We need your support. Be part of our support family and commit to \$20 a month or whatever you can afford. Your gift *can* make a difference. **SV**



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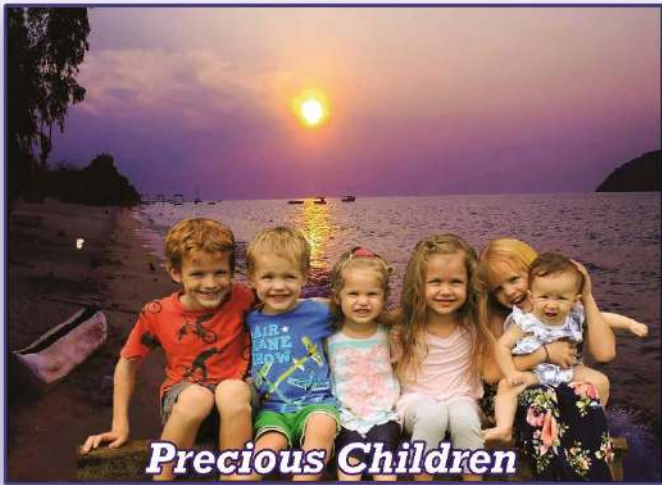
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Precious Children are part of the Mission Team

Our missionary team took a small retreat to the lake for a few days to close out the year. It's been a blessed year and plans are already made for a busy January 2019. Ben

Shipping Container

Surprise!! The day we had our Christmas party for the staff, we received word that the container that we had shipped back in September was going to arrive. This was much sooner than expected . . . and a fun, early Christmas present.

Dick and Suzi Stephens of the Malawi Project worked hard to find medical supplies for our Out-Patient Clinic. Thankfully they got them ready in a very short period of time.

FAME, another organization based in Indianapolis, also donated supplies to us that were part of this shipment, some really useful supplies, from patient beds to medical gloves to . . .

We were also able to put the recently purchased Coffee Roaster in this shipment. We are really excited about this shipment because it helps prepare us for two projects: Coffee processing (for self-support income) and for the Out-Patient Clinic (to help our sick and injured neighbors).

We are so thankful for the work of those who helped put this together for us and for the donations that were made. It is going to be a major blessing.

Ben Hayes



Medical Supplies & Equipment



The Container has Arrived



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In loving memory of

Terry Vaughn

with our love and prayers

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and Wade & Christi Aplin

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(Ann Thiesen Barganier's sister)
from Dr & Mrs Tony Hopper

In memory of my loving wife

Lorraine Patterson

from James Patterson

Thank you for all you do! May
God bless your work richly! Much
love,

Sharon Hayes Griffith

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Namikango 1980-1989. We
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