

Missionary Highlight: Michelle Clark

Our missionary in Malawi, Michelle Clark, is in the process of trying to obtain travel documents for her girls in the hopes of leaving the area for the time being. Their area (Lilongwe, the capital city) is experiencing unrest and instability after the disputed presidential election in May. There have been protests, violence, and some looting and damage to property already, and more is feared.

This is the latest update we've received from Michelle (July 19):

The lawyer finally met the social welfare officer. He was given forms to fill out in triplicate for each girl. No copying allowed. So yesterday, I filled out six two-and-a-half-page forms, as I had done three the night before, all in handwriting. The lawyer now has the forms to take to social welfare, which I hope will be done soon.

Joyce (my ministry partner and house manager) and I have discussed a plan in case of trouble (e.g. looting and vandalism). We thought big institutions like COTNI would be a good place to run, but were told they were the first places people would go, sooooo? I am beefing up security in my home. Putting two to three lock bars across each entrance, and adding y16 rebar to all the front windows. Ultimately, it is God who protects us. Because I went through the coup in Sierra Leone, I have more experience as to how quickly things can deteriorate than most Malawians and expats I know. While (as was true in Sierra Leone) many say Malawians are peace-loving people, I saw how quickly that can change. Prices are rising and that angers people, as they are just barely existing.

Continue to pray for us. If I can get paperwork for the girls, I will get out of here with them. If not, we will hide. I still need the 7000 dollars to pay for the adoption.

Thank you so much for praying and asking how we are.

Love,

Michelle Clark

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Summer in the Psalms

Order of Worship
July 21, 2019

Congregational Singing
"I Will Call Upon the Lord" Hymn # 38

Announcements/ Scripture and Opening Prayer
Pastor Joel Barrutia
II Corinthians 1:3-11 (Pew Bible, p. 964)

Congregational Singing
"Praise Him! Praise Him!" Hymn # 106
"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"
"Great Is the Lord" Hymn # 31

Offertory Scripture Reading and Prayer
Elder Rob Zylstra
Joshua 3:1-17 (Pew Bible, p. 179)

Offertory: Jeff & Kathleen Haag

Sermon: Pastor Justin Guy
Psalm 66:1-20 (Pew Bible, p. 480)
"Witness Leading to Worship"

Prayer for the Harrah Team

Closing Song
"Praise the Name of Jesus" Hymn # 93

Announcements

- 1) The Harrah Team leaves today! Please keep them in your prayers as they travel this afternoon, and as they minister throughout the week in the Harrah community.
- 2) A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to and helped out with our VBS program! People served in so many different ways, from bringing requested snack food and decorative items, to praying, to setting up and tearing down, to leading and helping in groups, to photography, to registration, to leading singing, and many more things than we have room to list here, and we are grateful for all of them! Please pray that all of these efforts and labors will continue to be used of God in the lives of the children who attended.

Sunday Servers

Greeters:

July 21: 1st: Steve & Louise K / 2nd: Rayner & Beckie C

Ushers (July)

1st: Lenny K, Tom S, Ken M, Alt. Mark Z

2nd: Kevin K, Mike W, Pat B, Alt. Tom J

Children's Church:

July 21: 1st: Louise K / 2nd: Louise K

Nursery:

July 21:

1st: Daniel & Diana K

SS: Stephanie S & Edna C

2nd: Edna C & Kyra C

Claremont East:

July 21: Dave V / Steve K

Prayer Requests & Praises

- Please pray for our missionary in Malawi, Michelle Clark, as she is trying to get travel documents for her girls so that they can leave the area, which is currently very unstable and volatile. There is a lot of political unrest, blockades going up, and residents (including Michelle) are reinforcing their homes against break-ins. The paper work has been submitted. Please pray for their documents to go through speedily, and for their safety in the meantime.
- Pray for the Harrah Team's safety, strength, endurance, and faithfulness as they travel today and serve throughout the week in the Harrah community.
- Pray that last week's Vacation Bible School ministry will continue to be used of the Lord in the hearts of the children who attended.
- Pray for Karen Hussey as she recovers from last week's hand surgery. She will be in a cast for 6-8 weeks.
- Pray for the Poland Team's strength, endurance, and faithfulness ministering in Poland, and for their safe travel returning July 24.
- Pray for our short-term missions endeavors as we seek to see the good news of Jesus spread beyond our community: Poland (June 28 -July 24), Harrah (July 21-27), and Joni & Friends (August 17-23).
- Please pray for the many people in our body, both young and old, facing various health challenges and issues, that they would keep their eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ and be sustained by Him.

Looking Ahead

July 21-27 - Harrah Short-Term Mission Trip

July 24 - Poland Mission Team Returns

August 17-23 - Joni & Friends Short-Term Mission Trip

September 8, 5:00 p.m. - Membership Family Meeting and Picnic

September 11, 6:22 p.m. - AWANA BBQ Kick-Off