

Go Global May 2026

STUM – Malawi



As we prepare to travel to Malawi in June, we are excited to reconnect with friends and colleagues. We are aware we will see firsthand the very challenging times for people in Malawi. Pray for our trip with daughter Sarah and son in law Josh as we leave on the 9th June. The family will head home on the 14th July and Jim plans to stay on supporting the STUM work until the 9th September as a SIM short-termer.

It is a very challenging time in Malawi, exacerbated by the Middle East conflict. Fuel is now NZ\$6.60 a litre. There is concern about the availability and price of fertiliser which is a key factor for farming in Malawi. There are general rising prices for essential goods. Pray for Malawi and the work of STUM. In the words of the Psalmist – *‘Have regard for your covenant (with Malawi) Lord God because haunts of violence fill the dark places of the land. Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace; may the poor and needy praise your name. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; remember how fools mock you all day long. Do not ignore the clamour of your adversaries, the uproar of your enemies, which rises continually.’* Psalm 74:20-23.

Big praise: Thanks for your prayers concerning the need for the sample lesson books to be released to the printer in India. They were released this week and are now with the printer!

We also ask for prayer for Albright, our ex STUM treasurer, that he may be spared a prison term for stealing money from his employer as a bank teller. The family and supporters have found the money required to hopefully keep him free! Pray that Albright will get the help needed for his gambling addiction. He has been replaced by Eneless Chinkoka, who was a previous STUM employee: pray as she settles into this part time role.

Pray for the preparations for a ‘training of trainer’s’ week in a STUM district in the first week of May.

If you would like to join our Whatsapp group to get updates on our time in Malawi click on <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Gi0RSYMPdqSCJc066aujaE> Thanks to those of you who have already joined.

Thank you so much for your ongoing partnership with us in the work in Malawi!

Jim & Diane Young



Joseph & Helen Nakhla – Eastwest College

Hi ET Friends,

Thanks to God for a good first term completed at Eastwest College with a great bunch of students. Pray for the students who will graduate at the end of this semester, some to enter the mission field straight away, others still working out future plans for mission.



Pray for Joseph as he has prepared a new short course, on "spiritual authority", to teach at Eastwest towards the end of this term. Also, as he teaches the Old Testament course through this whole semester.

Helen leads a group of Eastwest students on Wednesday evenings who get experience teaching English conversation classes for over 50 who attend at a Hamilton church. We'd appreciate prayer for (name withheld), an Afghan Muslim guy who Helen had a long "Gospel" discussion with, and also for

other opportunities as we develop relationships. On Tuesday evenings Joseph leads an optional "exploring-the-Bible" group at a different church, at the same time as Eastwest students teach English conversation classes. One of those in Joseph's Bible study there is "Summer" - a friendly Chinese mum who has been faithfully attending for many months but hasn't yet made a decision to follow the truth. A good number of not-yet-believers from these conversation classes are also attending the "Jubilee Multicultural Church" on Sunday evenings which we are part of.

We always appreciate your support as we go about our day... morning devotions, discussions over morning tea and lunch, lectures, Helen co-ordinating student duties, both of us responsible for a weekly "care group" of students in our house, and other things that come along!



Hope For Life – Thailand



Over the past few months, our team has had increasing opportunities to invest in the family strengthening aspect of our ministry as we seek to share the hope of Christ in the local community. We've visited several families connected to us through our Shalom House ministry space, school-based ministry and partner churches, and we're beginning to gain a clearer understanding of the challenges families in this community face.

We're noticing a need for families to build their capacity to spend meaningful time together and support each other amid life's challenges. Many parents feel overwhelmed by financial, health or relationship challenges, and lack the resources to navigate these difficulties in healthy ways. As a team, we're exploring how we can share practical input on parenting, goal setting and managing behavioural challenges, while also modelling and teaching approaches that help build stronger family connections.

- Praise God for recent opportunities to sit with families and learn about their daily experiences.
- Thank God for time spent building relationship with families.

- Pray for wisdom as we explore simple relationship building games, activities and tools with families.

Many thanks for your support, Jacqui Croxon



MAF PNG – Karl & Helene Orchard

Thank you for the great welcome you all gave us while we visit with you last month.

It was lovely to finally meet you all in person.

While we have been in New Zealand the tropical cyclone hit Bougainville in Papua New Guinea. Our MAF team there do not have any aircraft there yet as they are setting up the program. So an aircraft was flown from the mainland to help the local government fly over to assess the damage and assess the recovery effort needed.

Prayers of Praise

Thanks for the time we have with family

Thanks that the fuel crisis has not affected Papua New Guinea.

Praise for the opportunity we have to visit our missionary friends in Fiji and the YWAM base in the Solomons in May on our way back to PNG.

Prayer requests

Please pray for our compound gardener. He is very sick and the hospital said they can't help him and he will need to go home and pray. So please pray he recovers.

Please pray for the Bougainville MAF team as they and the local government figure out how MAF can best assist them in recovering from the cyclone.

God bless, Helene



(Supplies being delivered to areas in Bougainville who are cut off from supplies access by the cyclone.)

Fred and Nancy - Malta

In the last quarter - We finally heard from Malta immigration that Nancy could return to proceed with her residency process. It was lovely to back in our own space and sleep in our own bed again! By the beginning of March with her residency card in hand, we could plan and book the travels for the first half of the year. We attended the NA Spiritual Life conference in Italy - a good time to connect with the teams spread across that part of the world. Fred led a time of prayer for the region and Nancy presented a seminar on racing TCKs and together we were able to share an update as part of our country team here.

Back in Malta, we gathered on Good Friday & then on Easter Sunday at sunrise with a small Christian fellowship with the Scottish Presbyterian Church. Worshiping with others as the sun rose over the Grand Harbour was spectacular. A week later, the Chaplain team we serve with for our company all arrived here for a team retreat which placed a lot of responsibility and organising on us, when we are still getting to know this place. By God's grace Fred navigated a 9-seater van around Malta and Gozo with their incredibly narrow streets like a pro. We ate lots of gelato and had some good conversations about issues we needed to talk about (and best done face to face) and got to hear more of each other's stories and pray together. Soon after they left, we headed to the Europe MC Consultation in Italy. It was a fabulous time of learning, connecting with people doing similar work to us (including our friends from Cairo) and discovering resources we can use to refer people to. We also presented a workshop on debriefing one afternoon - a daunting task with so many experienced MC workers there, but it was well received. Thank you for your prayers for all these events of the past months.

By the time you read this we will be in a Central Asian country serving the small team in that country. We will be leading their annual retreat and offering support and care. We value your prayers as some have big issues to work through. From there we head to the UK to serve the staff of Middle East Concern, an Christian advocacy group serving the MENA region. Along with a Dutch lady, we provide care for their team, who we have met on line before but will meet for the first time in person.

On our return to Malta, we plan to stay put for a while though we will be available to provide care via zoom. Our Org asked us to be available to two teams of African workers who are serving under a lot of pressure in a WA country, so we anticipate that requiring considerable attention. Please pray for good understanding for us and sensitive and culturally appropriate responses and care. We hope to have visitors in June & July which we are looking forward to. We have a lot of admin to catch up on and feel we need space to do all that and settle into this place.

Pray also for wisdom - we have a number of invitations to visit countries and we want to be wise in our responses of acceptance or decline.

God bless, Fred and Nancy