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Dear All,

We arrived in the USA on 05 December and after a few days to get organised, moved in with David's Aunt Mary on Lookout Mountain Georgia on 10 December. The next day we took her to her specialist appointment which resulted in the placement of a feeding tube on 14 December. Since then we have been involved in organising care for her including assistance with daily living activities, tube feedings and respirator care. At the age of 87, she is amazing despite numerous disabilities, and still very sharp mentally, though due to her post-polio syndrome has difficulty with speech. Now that we have been here three weeks, we can see that she will need someone here living with her all of the time. We are still working out what that means for us, but for now, this is our new calling. We have gone from the care of a population of 450,000 (catchment population for Nkhoma Hospital) to one. This is quite an adjustment for us. But as the poet John Milton reminds us in his poem, "On His Blindness": "They also serve who only stand and wait".

As our time as mission partners with Church of Scotland has now ended this will be our last "official letter." We are still involved with Nkhoma specifically with reviewing finance reports, responding to questions and requests for advice, and mostly with prayer. We are hoping that the support Nkhoma has received through church and personal connections with us will continue, so we are happy to continue giving updates on what is happening there to those of you who are interested. If you are, please let us know by email at kuluva2@gmail.com, so that we can update the email list for sending out updates. For those who wish to continue financial support, the USA connection will remain the same, through Green Lake Church, and in Scotland through the two presbyteries (Gordon and Lewis) who partnered with us. There are also direct accounts in Malawi and we can provide those details for any interested.

The news we have received since leaving Nkhoma is challenging and encouraging. Some of the funds owed by the Malawi government for the service level agreement have been paid (through September), but there are still delays causing the usual cash flow struggles. The three new Malawian doctors who started in October seem to be settling in well. The mental health project continues to expand and Nkhoma is expecting a visit from the German Health Minister, as the funding for this project comes from Germany. Nkhoma continues to be a model for Malawi health care with the latest example being the neonatal unit as presented to a Ministry of Health workshop on how to do neonatal care in Malawi.

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Please continue to keep us and Nkhoma in your prayers. I attach a document which presents the hospital senior staff now responsible for leading the ministry there, and prayer points. If you are interested in continuing to support or get updates please email us to let us know. In addition to the email address above our mailing address in Georgia is 211 Pied Piper Trail, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750 (though our "legal" USA address remains 14830 Wallingford Ave N, Shoreline WA, 98133), and our new mobile phone numbers are 423 394 3846 (David) and 423 394 7304 (Rebecca).

Thank you again for nine years of faithful support of us in prayer, concern and financial gifts. May God richly bless you as we enter 2019 and may we all remain faithful in the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

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