

## PARTNER PLAN

# David & Rebecca Morton - Malawi October 2018

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Dear All,

We arrived in Edinburgh this past Sunday, 14 October. It was difficult saying goodbye after 23 years in Africa and 9 years in Malawi/Nkhoma Hospital. There were many farewells including a get together at our home where over 60 staff/friends came, a hospital sponsored event (with speeches, but no singing from the women as they said they could not sing when they were so sad we were leaving), preaching at the local church English service, and preaching at our last hospital chapel. The staff honoured us by having us plant five trees at Nkhoma to remember us by. The tribute they gave about this, was very honouring to us: trees give shade and oxygen to everyone without distinction and bear fruit for all to benefit from, just like the Morton's helped and benefited all, from villagers to patients to staff, without prejudice.



Tree planting

We begin our Scottish travels tomorrow, flying to the Isle of Lewis for two weeks to visit the churches and people of Lewis Presbytery, then back to Edinburgh for a weeks' worth of appointments and meetings and then off to Aberdeenshire for another two weeks visiting all in Gordon Presbytery. We plan to arrive back in Edinburgh by the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, and have a quick visit to Liverpool, England to see the Terhaars (former medical director for Nkhoma, who left at the end of May this year), before returning to the USA 05 December.



with the "girls"

Our return plans to the USA have changed and instead of arriving in Seattle we will be going to North Georgia (Lookout Mountain) via Atlanta, in order to visit David's aunt Mary and help with her care. Mary is David's mom's youngest sister who has been disabled with polio since contracting a severe form while a missionary with her parents in Korea in 1955. She is now the only one left in her generation and as she never married, David and his brothers and two cousins are her only remaining family. We now need to be involved in her care so will be living with her on our arrival in the states and help plan for her future.

Please continue to keep Nkhoma in your prayers. It is our prayer that all of you will continue in your partnership with Nkhoma even after we have left, as it is a critical part of God's kingdom work in rural Malawi. Especially remember the

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management team as they get used to decision making and planning without our presence there. Finances remain a challenge as again the government has delayed in SLA payments, the last payment being for May, and the amount owed is now up to over \$71,000. Also, three new Malawian medical officers have just joined staff and pray they will settle in well.

Our last charge to staff in the Sunday morning and chapel preaching was for staff to remember their calling to be involved in God's kingdom work in the world and at Nkhoma, and as outlined in 2 Corinthians 5:11 – 6:2, to do so a) in the fear of the Lord to whom we will all give an accounting, b) constrained by the love of Christ, c) as a new creation, d) as a reconciled ambassador of the kingdom with the message of reconciliation, e) being part of the righteousness of God (His covenant faithfulness) in bringing this about, because f) now is the time or fulfilment of God's salvation to the nations. Pray that this will be the motivation for all of the Nkhoma staff to serve "With Love and Care".

Thank you for your years of faithful partnership and care and we hope to see many of you over the next few months.



David speaking in chapel with accountant Yowati translating

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