

SaltMalawi Update

December 2016

Roger & Helen Jacobs

Following our sharing of news about Roger and Helen Jacobs, which appeared in our October newsletter, and our commitment to keep you posted, we thought our subscribers would like to see this personal update from them to their own network. It tells the story so far and demonstrates God's hand in all of this as their preparations continue for them to join Julian and Caroline in January. Thank you for holding them in prayer along with this whole work.

Roger & Helen write:-

Dear Friends,

We don't usually send out a newsletter at this time of year but as we have some news to share, we thought this was the best way to let everyone know.

We have lived on the Wirral since 2009, committing to the local church, called the Longcroft and have also been able to make annual visits to Malawi & Tanzania. Last year, 2015, during a time of prayer at the Longcroft church, the Lord spoke about opening doors. We thought it may have something to do with Northern Malawi & south-western Tanzania, which had requested a Bible training programme. So, an exploratory trip was made in October with the view of relocating out there. Sadly, plans did not materialise. It became apparent that the time was not right & thus any thoughts of returning to Africa were laid to rest.

In February 2016, the Lord spoke again about opening doors, but we could not see where. Then, we had a newsletter from Julian & Caroline Lott, an English couple, working in Malawi, whom we knew when we lived there. Though we had read other newsletters of theirs, this one strangely touched us ; this was a work we could be involved with & wondered if they needed help. Prayerfully considering it, we emailed them, offering our help, but suspecting that plans had already been made & that we wouldn't be needed.

Within 2 hours we had a reply – they were blown away by our offer, & had been praying for a couple to join them & more specifically had asked the Lord to prompt us to join them ! We were stunned to say the least. They work for a trust & we met the trustees in April & confirmed our decision a little later to go.





So, we have booked our flights for January 17th 2017 & have committed ourselves to be there for at least a year with a view for longer.

The work is based near Dedza, 100 km south-east of the capital, Lilongwe & involves church planting, training of leaders & teaching of children. In addition there is an extensive food distribution programme & the possibility of other projects. More information can be found on the web site www.saltmalawi.org

We much value prayer as we have been settled in UK & thus need to become 'Malawian' again. We are busily packing up

our home which will be rented out. He who says "I have set before you an open door", has then left us with the choice to go through it. We have made that choice & trust in Him for all that is ahead, both for those we leave behind in UK & to those we are going to in Malawi. Though not officially linked with our previous work in Malawi, we do hope to visit our friends in the north of the country once, or maybe twice a year. Do pray that necessary visas & work permits will be granted & also for effectiveness in a land where there is great need, both physically & spiritually.

Thank you to all your love & prayer for us – we are so grateful.

With all our love & the Lord's blessing for 2017

Roger & Helen Jacobs

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