

# the TSOUKALAS FAMILY

## Missionaries to the Deaf in Zambia

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Dear Fellow-laborers,

We have been experiencing a tremendous time of harvest in the lives of the Magwero students. We just have to praise the Lord! Over the past two months, twenty-five of the students have given their lives to Christ. We are so encouraged that the words we have shared over the past seven years have not been in vain.

Many of these students do not live in Chipata. And while this effort isn't going to help build our church, we are thrilled that it is going to help send out ambassadors into other cities, villages, and provinces across Zambia. The vast majority of the students live in places like Copperbelt, Lusaka, and other towns/villages in the Eastern province. Please pray for them as they soon return home on break.

Julie's prison ministry continues to go well, with the women being very interactive during teaching and worship. We recently purchased a Nyanja song book that we hope will unify the women by praising the Lord together in a common language. The women continue to share prayer requests for their children and husbands while they are in prison. Please pray that the Word of God would minister to the very specific needs and issues of these women. Also please pray for the improvement projects of kitchen renovation and providing a water pump.

The ministry in Malawi has been unbelievable. The men with the carpentry business who were saved have continued to invite people from the community to come and hear the Gospel at their workplace. Three Deaf women were saved last week, and they are inviting more today. We are so thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to minister to them, and pray for their continued spiritual growth. They are enjoying the whatsapp group I started to discuss the Word during the week.

We are so thankful to the Lord for answering prayers regarding our daughters. He has given us leads for Kat's future career, has continued to provide for Tina, as well as helping us sort out things with the pediatrician regarding their health care needs. People have also been so generous to provide things for the apartment we will be living in. We have also found a vehicle for Tina for when we return to the field, and a possible vehicle for us to use on our furlough.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. They mean so much to us. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming year.

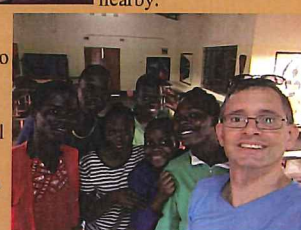
Right: A group picture we took a week ago at a Sunday service. It has been a joy to see new faces. Pray for them as we furlough.



Left: Three Deaf women who came to Christ in Malawi. The woman in the red skirt was so happy that she asked for a song book to begin praising the Lord! Below left: Olivia's sisters and niece in Malawi who came to Christ this past month. The hearing sister was so excited, and wanted to find a church, that she searched on her own and found a Baptist church nearby.



Right: Me with six Magwero students who gave their lives to Christ. The picture below that is Bro. Paul leading another six to the Lord. It has been a wonderful time of harvest lately after sewing into their lives for the past six years. We thank God for their decisions, and give Him all the glory due His name!



Above: Julie and I with Elizabeth who was a visitor from Petauke and put her faith in Christ. Left: Three of our sweet children in the Deaf ministry. The two on the left are Sonny's, and the other is Paul's.

### Prayer Requests:

- We are trying to sell our vehicle before we leave so that we have those funds available for travel, and so we can purchase a newer vehicle when we return. Please be in prayer for a good buyer, and that we would be able to find what we need.
- Pray for Paul and Sonny as they lead the ministry in our absence. The Lord has used them both well in the community here, and we pray the spirit of unity will remain among them and the members of the church while we are away.
- Pray for Paul's wife Ethel, as she is carrying their third child and her health has not been good. She's suffered from dizziness and exhaustion. It has been a real challenge for her with two small children at home as well.
- Please pray for our transition to the US as well. There is a lot of change coming up, and we are asking the Lord for much wisdom.

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