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## What a Blessing! by Ben Hayes

We have had many special visitors this summer;

*The Eastside Church group,  
Eric's parents,  
Ryan's and my parents,  
Ricky and Allison Lewis's family, and  
Sharon Hayes Lewis Griffith*

We are soon to have visitors from Farmers Branch and Becca's parents. While this makes for a very busy schedule, it's one of the great blessings of getting to live overseas – hosting family and friends in our homes. We're so thankful for everyone who makes the effort to come! These folks will carry the message of dreams of Namikango with them wherever they go.

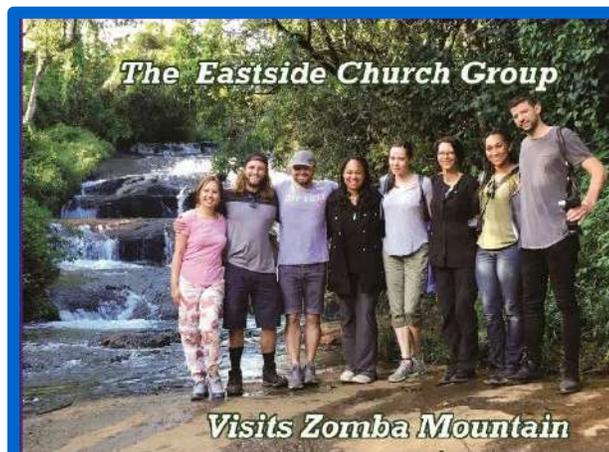
### *They Came to Work!* by Ryan Hayes

Visitors are always a blessing at Namikango. We were especially blessed to have a team of 8 come to Namikango for a week from Eastside Church.

Each person on the team had unique skills to work and encourage in a variety of ways. While here, they donated funds for solar panels then helped install them to ensure the Maternity Clinic always has power. They did various training in CPR, First Aid, Women's Health, and even had a Sports Day for Ntonda kids. Not only did they add value through knowledge and trainings, they were humble, flexible and willing to participate in any event that they were asked. We have been truly blessed by this group of visitors and are now stronger and more equipped as a staff. Thank you Eastside!

### *Mom & Dad (Kirk & Susan) Visit the Kids/Grandkids*

Though Mom and Dad (Kirk and Susan Hayes) have been here several times (Dad first visited Namikango 40 years ago this month), it is always a blessing and loads of fun to have them come visit. Of course, they love to come to see the grandkids, but they are also a blessing to the Namikango staff. They are a great example of Christ-like kindness and generosity to everyone they meet.



## Back After 55 Years *by Ben Hayes*

Among our visitors this year were the Lewises and Sharon (Hayes) Griffith. Sharon is the daughter of Roland Hayes, one of the founders of Namikango Mission. Sharon left Malawi when she was six years old and this was the first time for her to return since 1964! We had a wonderful weekend with them, going to places where Sharon had been as a child. We spent time looking at old photos she had, trying to identify people and places, and marveling at the changes that have taken place since then.

This was a very special visit for all of us, especially because we are family, and because of the special connection to Namikango. We are so thankful for our blessed time together!

## An Experience Beyond Words *by Sharon Hayes Griffith*

When my father, Roland Hayes, was still living, he would talk about taking us back to Namikango Mission where we lived as young children. God called him Home when he was 66 years old and he never got to see that dream realized.

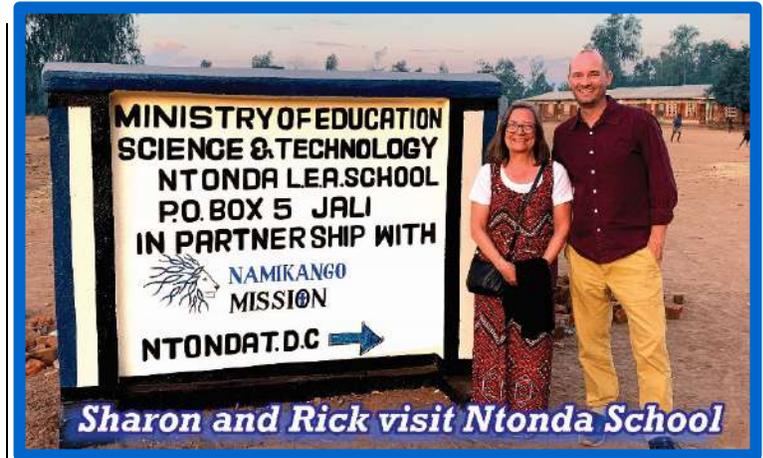
But this past month, God did allow it to happen; Daddy's dream came true. My oldest son, Ricky Lewis, is presently living and working in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, which borders Malawi, and I was privileged to travel to Africa to visit him and his family and to visit Malawi as well.

Ben and Ryan were such gracious hosts for us and filled us in on all the work going on there. As we toured the Mission grounds, I saw the house where I spent three years of my childhood, and memories flooded my soul.

Some of the amazing things we saw were:

- the new Administration Building under construction with 20 offices for staff
- new Mission classrooms
- the Maternity Clinic, where I got to meet a brand-new baby boy named Success
- the expectant mothers waiting in the Guardian Shelter
- the growing Coffee plants and Macadamia trees
- the soon-to-be coffee production building
- the new classrooms at the Ntonda primary School

We met numerous men and women faithfully serving the Kingdom of God in Malawi. One of my favorite visits was with Brother John Katete and his son, Symon. John was one of Daddy's first Bible students there. He became a faithful worker on the Mission for many years. His son, Symon (whom my brother, Rodney, and I played with as children), continued John's work at the Mission and is there now. When showing them old pictures of when we lived there, John said, "I know I am coming to the end of my life, and I am so excited that I will see my brother, Roland, again soon." We rejoiced together in the glorious hope we share because of Jesus!



**Sharon and Rick visit Ntonda School**

God has been faithful to go above and beyond anything my father could have imagined 55 years ago. The verse in Ephesians 3:20-21 came to mind while we toured the Mission:

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.*

Praise God, He allowed me to be a first-hand witness to His marvelous work in Malawi in the very beginning and today alongside my son, his wife, and seven of my precious grandchildren. What a Blessing!

## "Best Staff Journey Group Ever" *Ben Hayes*

We began our Staff Journey Group in 2018, seeking to take them on a similar journey as our other journey groups. This means to stop . . . and take the time to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus.

This year, due to additions to our staff, we've opened it up to all staff who wanted to participate. We now have a full spectrum of people from senior managers to security guards attending together.

We've met twice this year and for one of the meetings we did something new; we watched "Chariots of Fire" together, which tells the story of an Olympic runner and missionary, Eric Liddel. We had



**Staff Journey Group  
"Best Ever"**

a lively discussion talking about how sometimes honoring God means making hard decisions (like Liddel did) or how we “worship” God as we use the gifts God has given us. This was an incredible discussion. One staff member said, “This was the **best staff journey group we’ve ever had.**”

We feel this is a step towards staff unity, bringing together the organizational and socio-economic lines within our staff. We’re looking forward to seeing the growth as a team that comes from this.

Our original Journey Group One also met in March, and we studied in Galatians and Romans. The discussion afterward was very encouraging. We have seen real growth in this group (ourselves included) over the last three years we’ve been together. We’re becoming convinced that this discipleship model is bringing transformation in our lives, which adds to our eagerness for starting the new Bible School here at Namikango, in the near future, as it will include the Journey Group model.

## Projects Update by Ben Hayes

### Football (soccer) Field

We’ve started preparing the football / soccer field for planting grass. We’ve also installed the fence around the field with a new gate. This will provide security for the field, and for the fans who come to watch their favorite team play. Namikango will become a central point for teams in the area who participate.



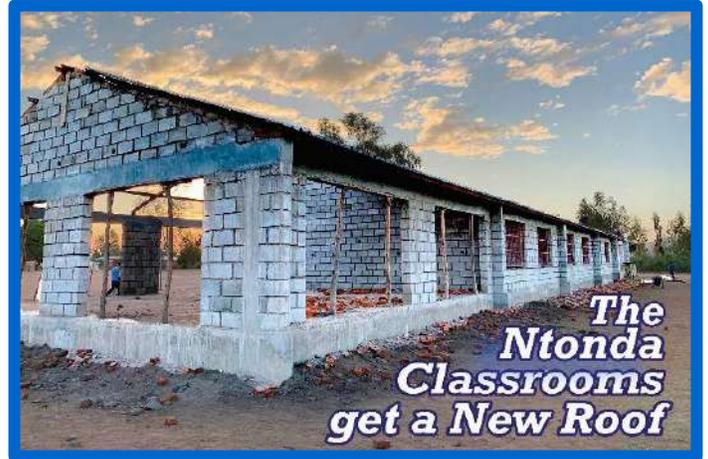
### Out-Patient Clinic

Since completing the out-patient building, we’ve been adjusting the old, existing building in order to meet the requirements for opening the new Clinic. We’ve installed some new windows and closed some existing ones. We have also remodeled the inside slightly in order to make better use of the rooms.



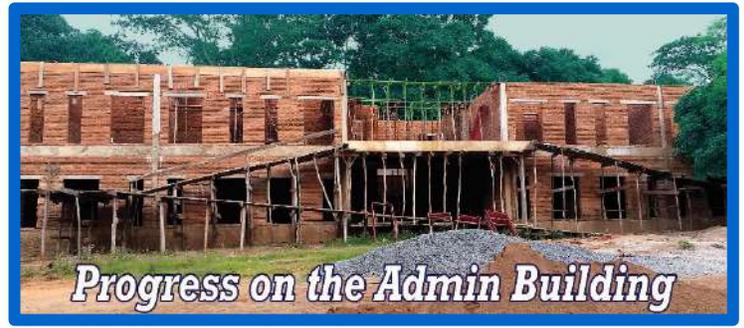
### Ntonda School Block

The five classrooms at Ntonda have also recently received their roofs and the finishing touches are coming along very nicely. We’ve been out to Ntonda a lot recently overseeing the rebuilding. When we see some of the primary school kids still studying under trees, it adds to the anticipation of getting these new classrooms opened. This building, together with the updated sign at the school, is starting to change the face of the school!



### Admin building

The roof is going up on the Administration building, adding to its impressive appearance. Things continue to progress with this structure, and the staff is getting excited about the day when we will transition from our current offices to this building.



### Coffee Processing Facility

The coffee building has been roofed and will be finished soon. We are moving towards the final stages. The coffee roaster will be installed when the building is done. We also just received the processing equipment from India this month. This will be installed inside as well. Needless to say, we stay quite busy.





In loving memory of

**Otha Brown**

Kalith & Vaughn Brown

In loving honor on Father's Day

**Truman Hayes**

Kanyon & Erika Brown

In loving memory of my dear wife

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## A Reflection on the Proverbs Seminar

When Brother Shawn Tyler visited Namikango in May, he taught us a seminar on the book of Proverbs. It was an enjoyable three days of in-depth study, and encouraging to men and women, as it teaches when we find a woman of noble character and wisdom, to hold on to them, and we will prosper both physically and spiritually.

Symon John Katete



*Shawn Tyler teaches Proverbs in the New Classroom*

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## Ongoing Prayer Requests

**We ask for your continued prayers.**

- Pray for the team in Malawi
- Pray for the Board of Directors
- Pray for the 2019 Capital Campaign Fund Drive
- Pray that every outreach effort will result in the salvation of souls