

Is God Calling You?

Namikango has been blessed by the support of many individuals and churches for over 55 years. During this period, the Mission has grown and expanded in ways the first missionaries and Malawian staff never dreamed. We have over 70 Malawian staff and three missionary families in Malawi now, which is the largest the Namikango team has ever been. We also have an active Board of Directors Stateside who are overseeing and partnering with the Namikango team to help work through the expansion where we feel God is leading us.

There is now a need to recruit and develop a new generation of supporters to follow in the footsteps of those who have been financially supporting Namikango for so long. While we have managed with a small budget all these years, the exciting ministry growth in Malawi has brought us to the point where we need to expand people's awareness of Namikango and to increase its support base.

The Namikango Board of Directors is seeking to hire a Partnership Director – someone who would manage Stateside operations for fundraising, including implementing a new platform for increased online donations, and broaden our base of Partnership supporters. A summary of the job description and skill set we're looking for is shown here.

If you are interested in partnering with Namikango in this role, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Sidney Vaughn, either by phone (cell: 713-818-7301) or email (SidneyV@swbell.net) for

more information. This is an exciting new step in Namikango's future and we look forward to seeing whom God will lead to join us!

Partnership Director Position

Overview of Responsibilities –

Fundraising

- Major letter writing campaign
- Estate Planning
- Networking with new churches & organizations
- Grant writing
- Social Media

Reporting

- Create and maintain reports
- Maintain regular contact with the Board of Directors

Skill Set Requirements

(to be defined during interview process)

- Non-Profit Management & Fundraising Knowledge (5 years or more)
- Must understand core principles, annual giving, major gifts, peer-to-peer fundraising, and strategic planning.
- Biblical Knowledge (college or trained lay leader)
- Budget Creation and Management
- Communications/Social Media Savvy
- Knowledge and Experience in missions – preferably Malawi or Africa
- Public Speaking



Board Member Shawn Tyler's Visit by Ryan Hayes

Shawn Tyler (professor at LCU, long-time missionary, and Namikango board member) visited Namikango in mid-May.

The main purpose of his coming was to check-in on Namikango missionaries and projects. He also held a seminar for staff and preachers here teaching from the book of Proverbs.

The event was wonderful as we learned much more of the depths of Proverbs.

This also marked the first event to take place in the newly constructed Bible classroom. Because of this, a small opening ceremony was held and Shawn cut the ribbon to officially open the classroom. It was a joy to have Shawn. We are grateful to see the successful completion of the classroom and we look forward to how God uses our resources and campus for other teachings of God's truths in days to come.

Coffee . . .

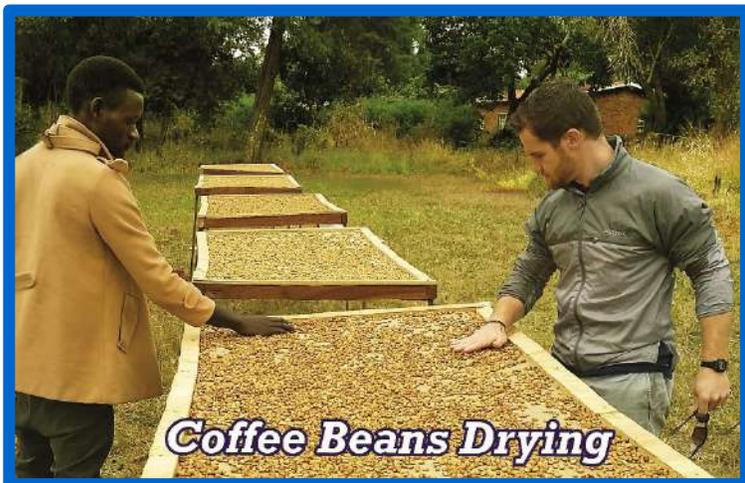
Grounds . . .

Namikango Mission owns 90 acres of land in a beautiful location with some good farm land and lots of good trees.

The Mission leaders have always wanted to use the land wisely and have gone to great lengths to preserve the property and trees. This is one of the reasons we have recently installed a fence around the property – to prevent poaching and for protection.

Our missionaries have proposed ways for the Mission to use the property wisely and to create an income from it which can be used in outreach ministries, such as feeding the large number of guests to Namikango and sending teachers to hold Gospel Meetings. In addition to being diligent with the Mission property, this sets an example for churches and villages around us, showing that they too can conserve and use their resources wisely.

The Board has agreed to these recommendations of the missionaries of growing useable crops. Some ways we are doing this is by growing macadamia trees and coffee plants together and growing garden products. Sidney Vaughn



Shop . . .

One of Namikango's sustainability projects has been clearing and planting coffee plants. This has been a major project for the Mission, as coffee plants require a lot of care and attention.

Thankfully, we have learned how to grow good plants and are already producing coffee beans. These beans will be harvested, prepared, and roasted in order to sell to local coffeeshops and other businesses who buy coffee. The goal of this project is to generate income that will help offset some of the ministry costs for Namikango.

As the coffee plants are nearing maturity, construction on the coffee processing facility is also nearing completion. It's located near the fields for easy access. This building is nestled in a beautiful corner of Namikango's property, and will house the entire coffee processing system, from collecting the raw beans through to roasting, packing, and storing coffee for sale.

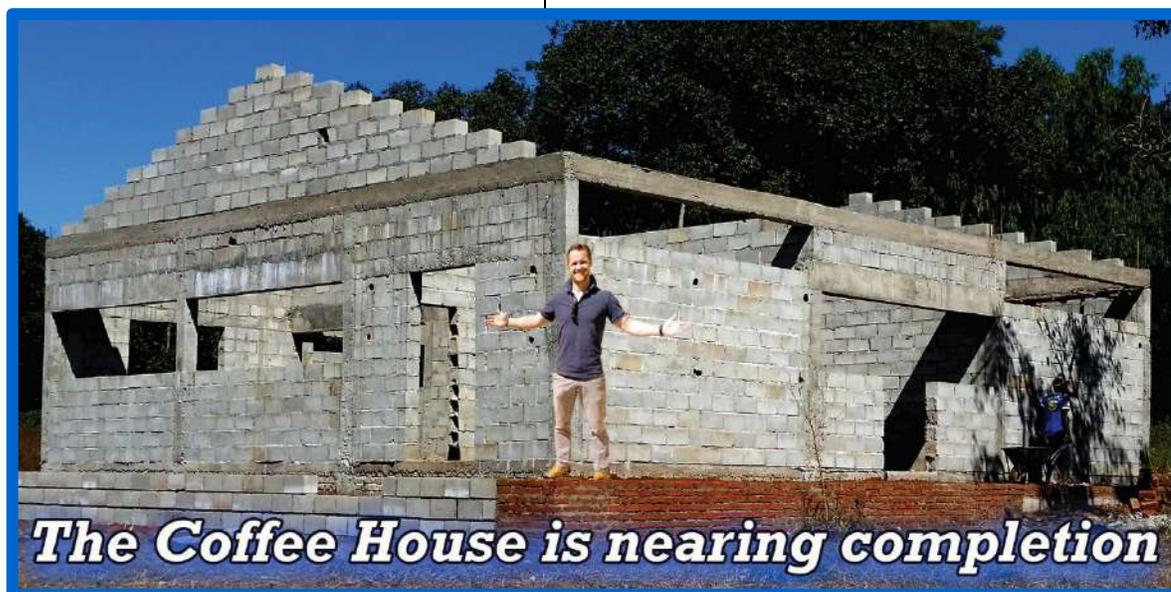
This will be the **one-stop shop** for all things related to Namikango coffee. As the building takes shape, we are excited to begin the next phase of this adventure, and we are really looking forward to some homemade coffee! Eric Gephart

Perks . . .

I toured the coffee processing building that received its metal rafters while I was there. The location of the building is next to the soccer field and that is a strategic perk because beans can be dried on the field and then processed and stored!

Ryan walked me through the rooms of the building and explained each stage of the coffee process.

It appears to me that Ryan, Ben, and Eric have done their homework and are very conversant in all aspects of the coffee fields and processing, and they will learn even more as they wrestle with marketing. Shawn Tyler





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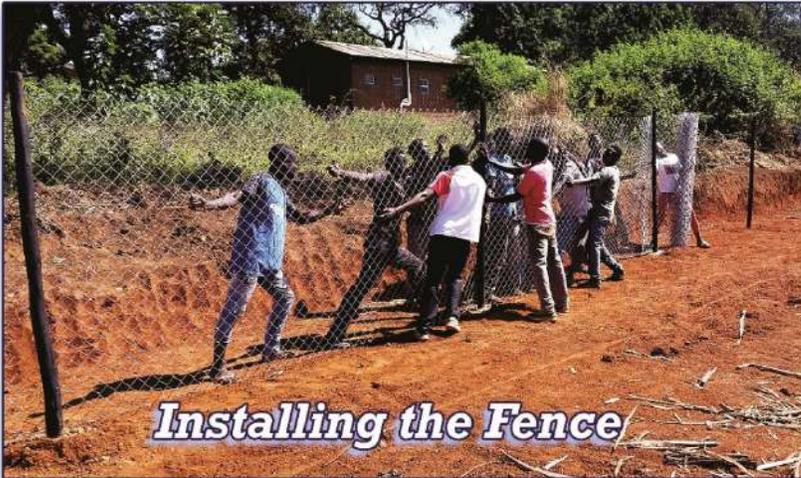
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Installing the Fence

Small beginnings. "Just plant a seed and watch God perform wonders!"

Kamanja is a very dedicated member of the church. He had to travel nearly 20 miles, one way, in order to attend the nearest church. This would require that he leave his home on Saturday morning to travel, then spend the night at the home of a relative on the way, in order to be at church in good time. Every Sunday after worship he would leave and arrive home late in the night.

When a team from the Namikango Bible School came to his area, Kamanja led them to various local villages, and after

several were baptized during that campaign, he began worship services at his house.

Kamanja enrolled as a student of Namikango Village Bible School and he has completed 15 courses. The total number of faithful members is now 28 and they have already started evangelizing in the

area. They are excited and their number is growing.

This small congregation molded bricks and burnt them and they built a sizeable building. Their evangelistic efforts and their success in winning souls for Christ is assisting the start of another church in a nearby village.

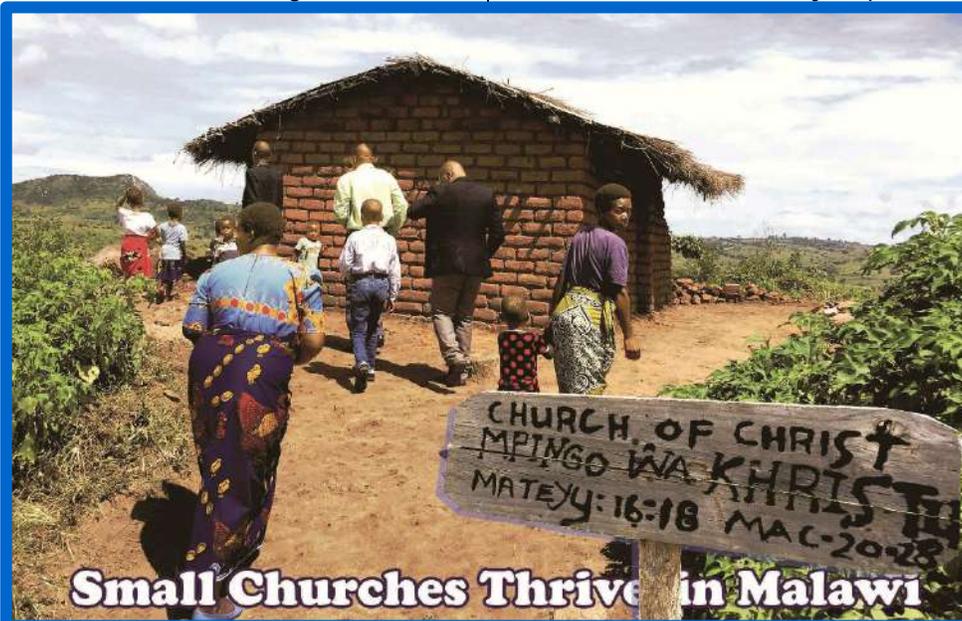
This reminds us of the twelve apostles of Jesus. Their mission was to carry the Good News to the world. Though they were small in number, they responded to the great commission,

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation..."

We too have our part. We are exactly where God has placed us, to make a difference and to win souls for Christ.

Now, go, plant a seed!

[Symon John Katete](#)



Small Churches Thrive in Malawi



To the Namikango Mission Fund in honor of
Sidney Vaughn
who has dedicated so much of his life and love to
this wonderful work. **Larry & Reba Branum**

For disaster relief in Malawi. Thank you for your work.
May God bless you, **Edward F. Miller**

I enjoy the Newsletter so much! May God bless all
the good work that is going on there! **D. West**

In loving memory of a dear great-nephew
Ronnie Vaughn, Jr
Sidney & Anita Vaughn and family

Dear Brother Vaughn,
I taught all the Hayes boys in elementary school in Kenya and would like them to know that I support their work.
Thank you so much for your work for the Mission.
I am almost 95 and getting very blind. I still miss Kenya.
In Christian Love,
Nova Vaughn

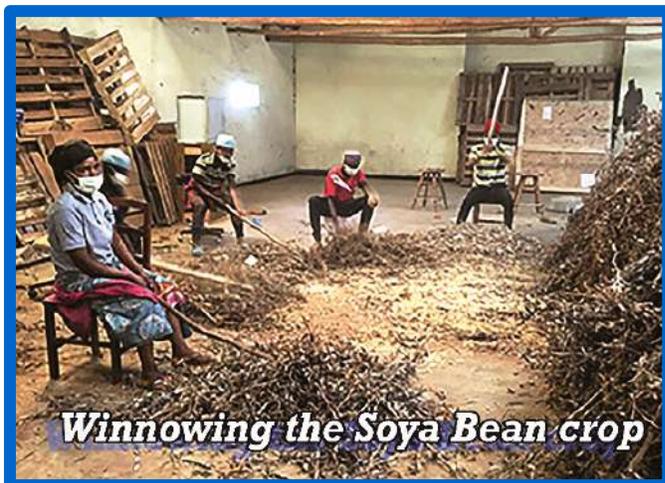
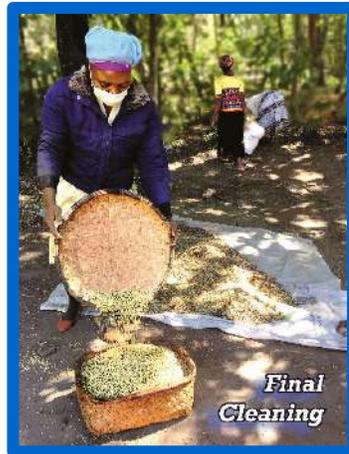
HARVESTIME!

It is harvest time in Malawi. Some crops, like maize and soya beans have been harvested and are now being dried ready for storage. We count ourselves blessed at Namikango because we were able to harvest a good crop of soya beans.

This is one of the sustainable projects we have undertaken, in order to help us use the Mission land to generate income which can be put back into various ministries.

In addition, this project allows men and women from around the Mission to find part-time employment as they work on our harvest. Women help with the "winnowing" in the Mission warehouse. This is a method developed by ancient cultures for separating grain from chaff which they did in the book of Ruth. This causes a lot of dust where they need to wear masks. This thrashing is followed by drying and stacking of the beans in bags.

An additional benefit to the workers is that they get to take some of the "fruit of their labors" home to their families, after they are paid their weekly wages. We are grateful for this year's harvest and thankful that we can benefit the community with what God has provided.
Symon John Katete



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