

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann

Location: **Blantyre, MALAWI**

Mission: **Theological education**



The Glissmanns are living in Malawi. Jinhyeog is involved in a local Primary School as a music teacher. Volker works off-campus as a programme developer for TEEC, the Theological Education by Extension College in Johannesburg, South Africa, and does grassroots theological training in Malawi.

God, as a co-editor and co-publisher (repeatedly and again!)

In the June, July and October bulletin, I shared about TEE books and courses coming my way unexpectedly with the request to republish them so that a new generation of TEE practitioners could have access to them.

TEE books/courses by overseas mission workers are primarily written in collaboration with local partners and under the guidance of a local partner. This is an excellent approach to ensure the material is locally relevant. However, if it comes to republishing courses, the number of stakeholders increases to authors, publishers and local churches. This makes the process of receiving everyone's permission a bit more challenging. So far, I have been trying with emails to engage with the other stakeholders, but face-to-face would be better. Interestingly, five of these partners are all in Nairobi, Kenya.



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As I have said in previous bulletins, the other challenge is that I have not yet set up the publishing house. A few weeks ago, I spoke to a friend who is involved in TEE in Northern Uganda. During our chat, he complained about the issue I want to solve with the republication of the TEE materials. To cut a long story short, I am now working with him to set up both the publishing house and an organisation to support TEE. The timing is interesting; if he had talked before God opened the doors for republishing, nothing would have come out of it. The other week, he told me about a Consultation on Nonformal Theological Education in Africa and asked if I would like to attend. You guessed it, the meeting is in Nairobi! I will spend some extra days discussing our TEE vision with a friend who works in Uganda. I don't think anyone could have planned this any better! Everything is prepared in one place!

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for his guidance and God's preparation for the meetings in Nairobi. Please also pray for the meeting that the outcomes are pleasing to God.
- Please pray for Malawi, as the last few months have brought many challenges. The maize harvest was okay. Nevertheless, the price of maize and all other commodities is rising fast. Please continue praying for Malawi and the authorities who deal with inflation.
- Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the whole family.