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Location: **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

Mission: **Theological education**



The Glissmanns are living in Malawi in southern Africa. Jinhyeog is involved in a local primary school as a music teacher. Volker works off-campus as a programme developer for the Theological Education by Extension College (TEEC) in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Covid 19 in Malawi – update

In our December update, we wrote that Covid cases were very low. Unfortunately, this has changed since then with Malawian migrant workers returning from South Africa over Christmas. Cases are rising and at the time of writing we have 19,987 confirmed cases and 518 deaths in total in Malawi. Compare this to the beginning of December, when we had 52 cases in a two week period. We actually know of a few people among our friends, who have been infected with Covid-19. Two weeks ago the World Health Organisation announced that only 25 people in the whole African continent had thus far been vaccinated. Covid will remain a challenge for longer here.

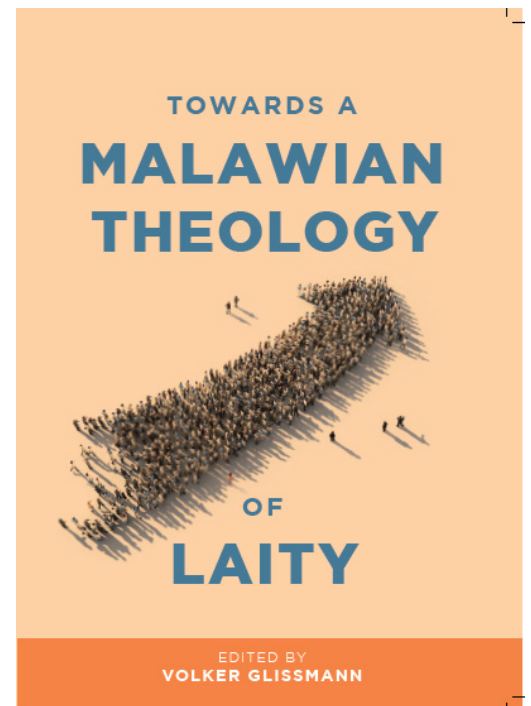
Finally – Towards a Malawian Theology of Laity printed

Finally, the book that I have been editing went to the printer in December. The book's purpose is: A key theological emphasis of the church is the priesthood of all believers. This emphasis implies that lay empowerment and lay participation are central to what the church does. Yet, lay participation is a bit of an unfulfilled promise in many cases. The book brings together church leaders, theological educators, as well as practitioners who are actively involved in lay ministry here in Malawi, so that a stronger theology of laity for the Malawian church can emerge.



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Prayer points

- Pray for the new Covid situation in Malawi and southern Africa generally. Pray for wisdom for the leaders and strength and wisdom for the health professionals.
- Praise the Lord that the book is out. May the right people read it, and the laity strengthened.
- Pray too for Glissmann family, including their eldest daughter in her first year of university in the UK.