

## Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann

Location: **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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.*

### **Covid 19 in Malawi – update**

The fourth wave hit over the Christmas break, but it also flattened out reasonably quickly. We only had 19 cases yesterday, compared to the peak of 1,168 at Christmas. The total Covid-19 deaths in Malawi stands just above 2,600.

### **The rains and tropical storm Ana**

The rains were very late this year. Malawi, as an agricultural society, is dependent on the rains. They usually start at the beginning of November, but they came late - in late December. However, at the end of January, tropical storm Ana hit parts of southern Malawi. It caused widespread flooding, displaced people, and destroyed many crops. Part of the country is receiving food aid at the moment. The electricity supply is still noticeably disrupted.

### **ICETE Academy (International Council for Evangelical Theological Education)**

Volker taught for several years in the distance learning Master in Theological Education programme at the London School of Theology. Unfortunately, the programme is closing down due to a lack of enrolment. Yet, training in pedagogy for theological educators remains a vital need. We are delighted that Volker was just invited to contribute courses for the ICETE Academy, which provides professional training for theological educators globally through an online platform.

### **Prayer points**

- Pray for Malawi, especially all those affected by tropical storm Ana in southern Malawi.
- Praise the Lord that Volker can continue to support other theological educators through the ICETE Academy.
- Pray for the grassroots courses in Blantyre and the new course in Zomba, especially the ongoing course writing under God's guidance.
- Continue to pray for health and safety for the whole family.