



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.

TEEnet – Theological Education by Extension Network

Over the last few months, Volker has been working on something behind the scenes. As all of you know, I am very interested in theological education by extension (TEE), which, in a nutshell, is all about theological education (extended) for everyone-everywhere – TEE. The greatest need to access quality theological (which includes biblical, spiritual, and practical) learning material is in the developing world. Back home, specialist departments of our church provide training material, or one could go to a bookshop to buy learning material for a few pounds. However, the infrastructure described here does not exist in the developing world. Yet, the need to access learning material is still there.

Over the last year, a discussion with a friend involved in TEE in Uganda blossomed into us starting something new in our spare time: a network of TEE practitioners to support TEE programmes worldwide. We spent a few months refining and consulting with others, which included our desire to see more TEE learning materials shared. We started TEEnet, which is the Theological Education by Extension Network. TEEnet is not a replacement for existing programmes or regional networks. Instead, it is about enhancing collaboration. TEEnet also has a publishing wing in which we will publish TEE-related books. In the March bulletin, I introduced a course we are preparing, which will be available through TEEnet afterwards.

By mid-April, we hope to launch our website (www.teenet.org) and then slowly build up the website and start reaching out to see how we can best work together over the next few months. There are also publications ready to be launched as e-books on the TEEnet website. Someone just donated a set of TEE courses used in Ethiopia, and we will make them available via TEEnet soon.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks to God for how he brought people from diverse backgrounds together to start projects to build up the capacity of TEE programmes.
- Pray for us as we overcome the last technical challenges to make our projects work.
- Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the whole family.

