

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.

Volker's Deputation September and TEE research

Volker returned to Malawi at the very end of September after spending a few weeks in Belfast on deputation. He carried something special in his hand luggage back home – nine kilograms of printed paper. Let me explain.

One unusual effect of Covid was that the delivery of post and book shipments into Malawi from small booksellers dried up. Every visit to Europe is an opportunity to search publications related to TEE (theological education by extension) because we can transport them back to Malawi. One of the projects that Volker is working on is a history of how TEE started. TEE originated in the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala in 1963. It was an experiment to try something new in response to changing circumstances. The method was copied by many. Understanding its origin and development is vital to learning how TEE can continue to respond to changes.

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For many years, Volker has been hunting for early TEE material, newsletters, publications, etc. Something happened over the summer that Volker never thought possible. While talking to someone who was a TEE practitioner in the 1970s in the Philippines, the individual mentioned that he had a collection of early publications and was planning to throw them away but wondered if Volker was interested. To cut a long story of God's provision short, he sent Volker 9 kilogrammes of newsletters, small publications, and even publications out of Guatemala. The fantastic thing is that many TEE practitioners had material in the 1970s but then moved houses and countries, and the material is lost. He had kept it, even though his ministry moved him in a different direction.

Additionally, he and Volker talked, and the topic arose about the old material. The material is a wonderful treasure trove and will add tremendous depth to Volker's research. God is good!



**Old TEE newsletters*

Prayer Points

- Praise God for God's provision to allow Volker to access the material and the possibility to pick it up while in Belfast.
- Please pray for Volker and the family as they settle back into life in Malawi.
- Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the whole family.