

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.

Revelations on God's leading

At the end of one of the last of our weekly meetings for the new 'Knowing the Spirit' course in Zomba, a friend from the course asked me how I see God's leading? She reminded me that in 2018 we were ready to leave Malawi to take a role with (one of PCI's other international partners) in South Africa. But four years later, we were still in Malawi. She had done all the previous courses, and with our planned departure in 2018, it looked as if the third course in the trilogy would never come out. My friend was delighted that the third course came out and for our plans to continue writing new courses that will help the church here to address its issues (all courses are written in collaboration with local Christians).

All of this prompted some reflections again about God's leading. Around 80% of my work time is for TEEC in South Africa, where we are designing a new Bachelor in Theology programme. This work looks at the big picture. Around 20% of my time is spent on grassroots training here in Malawi. This work is about how theology for those at the grassroots. But I am also a course writer for the All Africa TEE Association, so that the courses will be used across Africa.

Initially, it felt strange that the South African visa was not approved as we felt God's leading, but his plan indeed was more refined. It is very good for us to still be active in

Malawi, developing courses for the grassroots, while also working on the Theology degree programme for South Africa, thinking about the big picture. It is a unique and exciting that God has led us to serve him in this unique fashion.



The first TEEM group that Volker was involved in.



Graduation of a recent TEEM group.

Prayer points

- Praise God for leading us over the last few years in this unique way.
- Pray for the continuing work on the Bachelor of Theology programme.
- Pray for the continuation of developing grassroots training in Malawi.
- Continue to pray for health and safety for the whole family.