

## September Newsletter:

Hello everyone,

Greetings again from Malawi. We have completed the first half of this trimester, and students seem to be learning well. My one class is finished, and the other still has another two weeks after this one. As the school term wraps up, I'm looking for ways to utilize my time until the next term starts in January. Later this week, or early next week our one church planter and I will set down to talk about how I can do that by working with some of the new church plants that occurred earlier this year. I'm hoping to begin doing some leadership development of men that have been identified as potential church leaders.

A visit to a small town-

Several weeks ago, I went to visit another of my students at his home church in Nchteu. (pronounced en-CHAY-you) At the service, Matthews baptized 32 people from a neighboring village who had made professions of faith the past few months. Attached are a picture of his church and the group that was baptized. Seeing a large number of conversions is common right now in Malawi, the people are receptive to the Gospel. Largely that is a combination of the fact that there have been missionaries here for a number of years, and the uncertainty of life brought about by poverty, the AIDS situation, and the vicissitudes of life in a third-world country- the average life expectancy is only in the upper 30's.



We are still trying to get my permanent visa, called a TEP. Please pray that this would be granted soon. I'm scheduled to go on a trip to Zambia in November through early December, and it would be good to have it in hand coming back in the country.

Thanks for your prayers.

In Kingdom Service,  
Andrew Rittenhouse

**Praises:**

- Our students seem to be progressing well
- Health and safety
- The response to Christ that Malawians have shown the past several years

**Prayer Requests:**

- My TEP
- Direction for how to best utilize the time between terms
- Continued progress by my students