

Thanks for your continued support and encouragement. Blessings,

David + Pat

# THE POTTS' PAGES



Newsletter of David and Pat Potts

Serving with **SIM** among the Yao in Malawi, Africa

September 2006

## **GOD'S PROVISION- HOUSES**

### House 1- Our House here in the States

God continues to provide for us as we put together the house on our property outside of Battle Ground, WA. During our trip to Illinois, the foundation was poured. Upon our return, David finished the post and beams, etc. under the house, then called to get the house set down on the foundation. We were dismayed to find that the movers couldn't set it until the middle of the following week. As we waited, David continued to finish anything possible. The following Tue. the house was set on the foundation by 4pm. 33 hours later we had a 3.8 earthquake whose epicenter was 4 miles from our house. This was a great reminder to us that God's timing is perfect, even though it is not always our timing. The house now has electricity, septic, water, and phone. Thanks to the many people who have helped us, the remainder should be completed next month.



### House 2- A house awaiting us in Malawi

SIM has rented a house for us in Mangochi starting Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. It is located one block from our colleagues, the Steiners, and the plot which has the workshop and land for the new houses to be built. Our rental house only needs a fence and water heater.



**So our goal is to be back in Malawi in October. To make this happen we still need \$450 a month pledged for the next 4 years. Also needed are some one-time gifts to make up for the shortfall in our support since Jan. If you are planning on supporting us when we leave, now is the time to let us know.**

### Houses 3 and 4- To be built upon our return to Malawi

One of the first tasks David and Bob Burdett will have in Mangochi is the building of two houses on the SIM land. David feels all the work he has done on our house here has been good preparation for building when we return. In addition to this, they will be building relationships with the local vendors and having a Bible study with the workers.

### House 5- A play house for the kids



Even the kids have been blessed with a playhouse here in WA. It was delivered during our trip to IL and will provide fun for any kids who reside at our house.

### Mission Accomplished

In July, our family traveled to IL where the kids stayed with Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt and Uncle and we traveled on to North Carolina. There we delivered our items to be shipped on the container to Malawi and met the Burdetts- our newest colleagues. For a day and a half we talked non-stop. Bob Burdett was able to get some shop equipment donated to help set up the shop in Mangochi. The Burdetts left for Malawi Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be a great asset to the Yao team.

Back in IL, we were able to visit two of our supporting churches and spend time with all of Pat's family.

### Kids Korner

Rachael, Anna and Joshua were able to attend VBS and a Christian day camp in August. We started home schooling in Sept. An eye exam revealed that Rachael is near sighted and has some focusing problems. She now has reading glasses and is receiving weekly therapy to correct the focusing problems. We are grateful that this is being addressed now.

*Quotes from our colleague:*

*"When you had to leave, it was really also a big blow to us. We felt that we were back to 'square one', just with even more work on our hands." Hildegard Steiner*

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### Praise and Prayer

- Praise for those who continue to faithfully support us and for those who have joined our team.
- Pray for the remaining support needed for us to return and for some one time gifts.
- Praise that we got all our goods to be shipped and all the shop equipment onto the container.
- Pray that all the goods on the container will arrive and clear customs without problems.
- Praise for a great day and a half of meeting with the Burdetts (new SIM family in Mangochi.)
- Pray for the Burdetts as they adjust to their first term in Malawi.
- Praise for a quick, but good trip to IL and NC in July.
- Praise God that His timing is perfect and we can rest in that fact.
- Pray for good communication as we try to strategize via e-mail with our colleagues about outreach to the Yao.
- Praise that house #1 is getting put together.
- Pray that the remainder of the work on the house gets finished in a timely manner.

*Blessings to you,  
David and Pat Potts*

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