



Dear Friends at Tyndale Baptist Church,

Warm Christmas greetings from us in Malawi! It's probably a few degrees warmer here at the moment! Put it this way: there is very little chance of snow here at Christmas time! Rain, yes, but even then it will be warm! Never-mind, at least you have petrol, diesel, electricity and running water! We may or may not have these privileges over the Christmas period. But what we all have is the precious presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the assurance that wherever we are in the world, where two or three of us gather together in His name, He is there with us.

What a privilege! What a Saviour! Let us not only celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, but let us also share this wonderful news with our families, friends, work colleagues, and everyone who will listen. The greatest gift you can give to anyone this festive season is the good news that our Lord Jesus Christ has laid down His life for them (and us!) that they might experience forgiveness of sin, new life which is eternal, and the wonderful fellowship of God's people.

We are presently settling in to our 'new' house in Blantyre. It is lovely and spacious but we are experiencing severe water shortages! We have now begun a new chapter of ministry in Malawi with Robbie taking on the role of pastor at the Blantyre Community Church and beginning to teach part time at the Bible College from January next year (2012). Lesley and the children will start 'home-schooling' again in January.

It was so good to see old friends and make new ones while I was with you at Tyndale in September. Thank you for your hospitality. Lesley and the children would have loved to have seen you all too! But for now, we send you our greetings and pray the Lord's richest blessings for you all for Christmas and the new year (2012!!).

Every blessing in Christ,

Robbie and Lesley, Rachel, Colin, Hope May, Jessie, Yamika and Michael Beaton

ps. The photos were taken on our holiday in South Africa. The first is in the Sudwala caves in Mpumalanga and the second is taken in Fish Hoek just outside of Cape Town.