

Leaving Malawi

It is early morning in Malawi, a nice cool morning, but it promises to heat up soon. We have no running water in our houses, and we don't know exactly why, but it is dry season in Malawi. My house is empty of furniture, but I still have two buckets for water from the bore hole. Packing up is a trying time as I realize how much stuff I have accumulated in eleven years, and how much I don't really need.

Yesterday was a round of farewell parties, one at the mission primary school, one at the district hospital, and one with friends. Malawians are so very good at expressing their appreciation and love. It is very touching.

I am attaching a photo from the "Big Auction" I had at my house last Saturday. With so much stuff accumulated I was wondering what to do with it all. Finally, I decided to auction off everything that wasn't necessary. A big crowd came to see what the "azungu" (meaning white person) had to sell. There was a fridge and a stove, a camping tent, lots of buckets and curios. One item of great interest was a thermal coffee mug with a top. You don't see these in Malawi. No one is in a hurry to get to work with their coffee or tea. In Malawi, people sit down and drink their tea or coffee and then go to work. All of the proceeds from the auction will be going to help the primary school renovate some of the classrooms.

I will be doing mission interpretation in the United States for the next six months. Please send me an email if you want to get in touch. Also, I would appreciate it if you would send me an email if you want to remain on a mailing list I would like to keep.

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