



VILLAGES OF HOPE AFRICA



David & Connie Buzikievich

Directors of Village of Hope Malawi

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The tickets are booked!!

We are very excited to announce that we have booked our tickets to Malawi! We leave Monday March 29th and will arrive in Lilongwe to begin our work at the Village of Hope on March 31st. A huge thank-you to everyone who has helped make this possible. We are currently at just over 75% of our budget (PRAISE GOD!) and are praying that the additional 25% of monthly commitments that are still needed will come in before the end of March.

Already, 2010 has been a very exciting & busy year for us! On January 1st, our oldest daughter, Kara married David Eckmier. They are a great couple with a passion for missions! (They already have plans to lead a missions trip to Italy this summer!). Just after the wedding, Kara & David moved into our home in Waterloo and David & I, along with our daughter Lindy, moved out of our house and in with our special friends, Don & Deanna Niles. What a blessing this has been! It is amazing how God has worked things out so that David, Kara and Lindy can live in our house in Waterloo while we are in Malawi.

The week after the wedding we were able to celebrate Connie's mother's and step-father's 80th birthdays. Thank you to all the friends who helped make this a very special day for Elmer & Jean Martin! During the following week, the earthquake in Haiti occurred. Please pray for this country and for those affected by this tragedy. The events in Haiti hit very close to home for us, as the first Canadian found in the rubble was Yvonne Martin, Elmer Martin's sister in law. Our prayers are with the Martin family and the many others who have lost loved ones in this disaster.

Life at the Village of Hope is going on! In the past couple months there have been a number of new children come to VOH and many new challenges. One child that recently came to VOH-Malawi is Lackson Jackson. Lackson was born on December 7th, 2009 and arrived at VOH-Malawi on January 7th. Lackson's mother died shortly after giving birth and for the first month of his life Lackson was cared for by his grandparents. Unfortunately Lackson's grandparents did not have the resources to properly care for him – they had no money to buy milk so they resorted to feeding him sugar water, which simply did not provide adequate nutrition.



Kara and David Eckmier on their wedding day (01/01/10)

