

Dear Friends,

Our communication has been sparse! But let us assure you that all is well with us. We are always very busy. Thomas is repairing, constructing, demonstrating, supervising and much more, all activities he loves to do because they are practical and need some thinking, especially in the planning stages. It seems I am constantly writing in an effort to keep the hospital projects and our university/college student scholarship program going. Receiving and sending e-mails is the last hurdle we have to take to make sure the “larger world” receives our writings. Driving up and down the hardtop road about 5 miles away from the hospital, we are watching the bars on our dongle appear and disappear: two bars – no communication; three bars – still nothing; four bars – if we are lucky we can connect; five bars – Alleluia, we **are** connected! Since we are busy throughout the day, this trial and error approach mostly happens in the pitch dark.

In lieu of many words, I am attaching some pictures with comments:



Thomas visiting the butcher's shop to get a gory picture about where the tough meet on his plate is coming from. As to me, I am ever more convinced that vegetarianism is the way to go!



Laundry day at Kaseye Mission. Lost laundry and holes in the laundry are a common occurrence. Once the OP is open, the hospital will be doing laundry in the brand new commercial washer donated by INTERPLAST Germany. Washing in a commercial machine is a first in the Kaseye area! We sent a hospital staff member to a premier hospital in the district capital to learn how to do state-of-the-art laundry. No more “snowy” laundry from chlorine granules thrown directly on the laundry in high concentration and large quantities!



My little paradise in front of our cottage, rejuvenated after a heavy downpour.



Again in my beloved yard adorned with wild plants from Maria, the orphan mother in the remote and hard-to-access East Misuku Mountains, where Br. Peter built a hospital and a school. The woman in the middle is Dr. Katja, the German anesthesiologist, who operated in February for two weeks in Chitipa, the small town nearby, together with four team members, two of them being Drs. Schidelko, our steadfast supporters.



At a gorgeous spot on the escarpment, high above Lake Malawi, about three driving hours from Kaseye Mission, with Sr. Rosemary, Sister-in-Charge of Kaseye Community Hospital.



Another birthday picture on the shores of Lake Malawi in Nkhata Bay.



My Birthday treat in Nkhata Bay, the most “touristy” little northern town on Lake Malawi, about six driving hours from Kaseye Mission. We were the only guests in the lodge! The boat tour was a very special experience: we fed Lake Eagles perched high up on tree branches. To catch the fish we threw, they elegantly swooped down and picked up the fish with incredible precision.

We hope these pictures give you a glimpse into our daily life in Northern Malawi!

Love from the Warm Heart of Africa, in particular Kaseye Mission in the North, by now our second home.

Elisabeth and Thomas  
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