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Subject: Prayer Requests

Dear Friends,

The 7 member Frankston Presbyterian Church short-term mission team are due to arrive in Malawi on Saturday for one month. We are greatly encouraged by their willingness to come and all that this entails, given the expense and distance to travel etc. We are sure they are going to be a big blessing for everyone at Orbus.

We have a busy schedule planned for the team including the building of the new classroom building, dividing up the Martyn Lloyd-Jones building into 4 apartments for teachers and visiting volunteers, and putting in 500m of irrigation pipes around the property with a pump and taps to allow for year-round crops.

Please keep the Team in your prayers over the coming weeks and feel free to keep your eye on progress photos at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/101062792377081390532>

I thought I would ask for some prayer for a number of things specifically as we begin this busy period:

- The President of Malawi Bingu Wa Mutharika died suddenly yesterday. See: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-17636393> . Please pray for Malawi, for a peaceful transition of power and that this untimely and sad death may lead people to see their urgent need for Jesus.
- The regular petrol and diesel shortages have hit this week and sometimes last for 2-3 weeks. Please pray that we will be able to get fuel so our work is not disrupted.
- Pray for the Team that God will bring them safely to Malawi, protect them while here, use them to bring glory to Him and advance His kingdom in the coming weeks and return them safely to Australia in one month.
- Give thanks for Debbie, a very generous local business woman (born in Australia but lived in Africa most of her life) who is kindly putting the team up in her beautiful home.
- For those who have been praying for Manual, thank you for your prayers. Praise God that after about 5 miserable weeks in hospital his leg infection subsided and the doctors, after many changes of plan, decided the leg had healed enough by itself so they have sent him home. We will hopefully take the team to visit him next week.
- There has been a lot of theft at Orbus of late. Please pray that God will convict people not to steal.
- Pray that my health may improve as I have been battling one sickness after another for the past 2 weeks+, including a bad flu this week. This has prevented me from being as fully prepared for the Team's arrival as I hoped to be.

Thank you and may God bless you,

In Christ,

Craig