

Dear CAMM Supporters,

The heavy rains that have hit Malawi over the past weeks including Cyclone Idai have largely affected the southern part of Malawi. About two weeks ago a storm system which later became the cyclone caused three days of heavy rains in Malawi. Those rains caused widespread flooding mainly in the Southern Region which has the bulk of our LCCA congregations. Hundreds of thousands have been affected, many have lost their homes and their maize crops. Emergency aid organizations were mobilized to rescue survivors and provide shelter, food and water. Last week the WELS Committee for Aid and Relief provided food and supplies to LCCA members in the affected area. Kingdom Workers Facebook page have a good summary of relief efforts.

When Cyclone Idai returned the outer bands of rain and winds affected the the lower Shire valley of Malawi but did not cause significantly more damage. However there is still heavy rain which if it continues, will cause more flooding. Hardest hit were the Mozambique coastal city of Beira, with destruction extending into Zimbabwe.

For the Lutheran Mobile Clinic, we have not missed any days of clinic, but there were some adventures when our vehicle slid off the dirt roads and got stuck in heavy wet mud. In Malawi there are always people willing to help out and we were able to get moving again in about an hour. There was a power cut for two to three days because debris from the rains blocked the intakes to the Hydro-Electric power stations. Otherwise we have been largely unaffected.

Please pray for the people of Southern Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. These people have little and their countries do not have the resources for a quick recovery from this devastation. Many crops have been lost and hunger is a real possibility.

Gary Evans, Clinic Administrator, Lutheran Mobile Clinic, Malawi

Please keep all involved and affected in your prayers as they deal with a very damaging and difficult situation. May God who sent His Son to save the sins of the world be shared with these people in Africa so that they have the sure and certain hope of eternal life after this earthly life is over.

In Christ,

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