



## CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION

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*“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28*

Hello Supporters – It is hard to believe it is May 2021 already and this is the third letter about our Nationalization in Malawi. We are very excited for the support and enthusiasm received over our plan to entrust more of the day-to-day operations to our Malawi staff. In the last letter, we clarified what it means that we are nationalizing our Malawi operations and mentioned that we would have a stateside Field Director and a Malawian Nurse-in-Charge and Administrator. This month, we are very pleased to tell you about each of the people who will be holding these positions.

Violet Chikwatu has accepted the position of Nurse-in-Charge (NIC). She is an RN and has been a nurse with the Lutheran Mobile Clinic (LMC) in Lilongwe, Malawi for 3 years. Violet was the recipient of the Althea Sauer scholarship for her Bachelor’s Degree Nursing program at Daeyang College of Nursing, graduating in 2017. She had many clinical experiences in hospital and clinic settings in Malawi before graduating and was eager to work for the LMC. Violet applied for the NIC position because she felt called to being a nurse leader since graduation. Violet is a member of Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Lilongwe.

Violet has been wonderful asset to our clinical staff. Though usually of a quiet demeanor, she doesn’t hesitate to demonstrate her nursing expertise at clinic. Whether it is teaching patients about medications, doing prenatal exams, helping out with vaccinations, or starting IVs on very sick patients, she is capable and quick to deal with the situation at hand. Violet has a strong Christian faith and it shows in her interaction with patients and her coworkers. She has already been assisting Beth with working in the pharmacy, learning about what the NIC does when not at clinic including purchasing medications, visiting the District Health Office for vaccines and doing monthly reports.

Lusungu Mwambeye will be LMC’s first National Clinic administrator. Lusungu is a member of St. Peters, LCCA church in Lilongwe, and was highly recommended by Pastor Msiska, the pastor of St. Peters. Lusungu has a Bachelor’s degree in Public Health from the Livingstonia University in Malawi. Prior to joining LMC she worked as Programs and Operations Manager at New Beginnings Malawi - a non-profit organization providing education and support for young single mothers. There she managed payroll, weekly and monthly reporting, scheduling staff, writing funding proposals, and communications with beneficiaries and community members. She has also worked as a Research Assistant for another NGO – Family Health International.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Gary Evans will continue as the Field Director overseeing both the Zambia and Malawi clinic operations even after he and Beth move home in 2022. God blessed CAMM when He led Beth and Gary to their respective Malawi positions. Gary took on the additional responsibility of training and coaching our new Zambian National administrator, Alisad Banda, so Gary was a natural fit to continue in this Field Director role. Gary has been a timely asset to CAMM in the clinic repair work done at the Mwembezi, Zambia clinic and all the Malawi clinics. We are truly blessed to have his continued leadership through this transition and beyond!

Please continue to keep our staff, Beth and Gary Evans and the patients we serve in your prayers. We thank God for all of you, our generous and loyal supporters, daily. The credit for the work we can do belongs only to God and his grace and goodness. Until next time, may His face shine upon you!

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