

**VISITING TWO LITERACY CLASSES (APR 23)**

# Connections...

Rev. Carey Jo Johnston traveled with Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI) to Malawi and Ivory Coast, April 20 - May 14th. She reports: What I found along the way, once again, was how God continually connects us together as believers. Below are some connections I made in Malawi and Ivory Coast.

In Malawi, I connected with PCC missionaries Ed and Jackie Hoekstra. Ed ministers as associate pastor at St. Columbus Presbyterian Church in Blantyre to bring them greetings from you.

I connected with Maxwell Mpitanyanga, our LEI national missionary in Malawi. I helped train Maxwell in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA in 2005. Maxwell coordinates the ChiSena literacy ministry. Using

the ChiSena language literacy primers, Maxwell has trained 4 coordinators who have in turn have trained volunteer literacy teachers in Sena speaking congregations in Malawi and Mozambique.

Currently there are 54 classes with around 900 new readers.

One of the Sena literacy classes held at the village church.



Fred John, one of 4 literacy teacher trainers, with one of the 54 literacy teachers trained. 900 new readers total are enrolled in the classes.

The highlight of the visit - listening to several learners read. This woman read from her



I had the pleasure of greeting two literacy classes.



Travel to Chitipa took two days by bus and pick-up

Now Maxwell is expanding his vision for other language groups in Malawi. For 10 days (Apr 25 - May 6), Nancy Sue, Patrick Malasy (a colleague from the Kenya organization), Maxwell, and I worked in Chitipa, Malawi with the Lambya language team.



100 km took 4-5 hours to drive on the dirt road from Karonga to Chitipa



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