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Every good gift, every perfect gift comes from above. These gifts come from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights. (James 1,17 NIV)

Learning to share!

Some people are hit hard. During our visit to Malawi (Africa) we visited a congregation in a rural area. Many poor people are living there, and the infrastructure is very limited (no electricity, no water supply. Sand roads instead of streets, a very poor health service ...). To make things worth the area is suffering from a draught. There had been no harvest, people were in bare necessity and many developed diseases. These people are extremely hard hit. In view of this I find it difficult to agree with James when he says that God is not tempting anybody (James 1,13).

Temptation can probably be understood in different ways. But in Malawi I realized that there are people who are extremely hard hit, and that God seems to tolerate it.

In view of this, I find it encouraging that James says, all good gifts come from God. That means to me: God has given us everything we need to make a living. We earthlings have sufficient resources, possibilities and the know-how to provide a satisfactory life for all human beings. However, we find it difficult to share those good things evenly and to give so that people are no longer 'hard hit'. We as World Mission try to practice this sharing. We could help the people in the congregation in Malawi with food and seeds. I would like to encourage you to participate in sharing the good gifts which you have received. In your immediate surroundings and in the wider range reached by us in World Mission.

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I GIVE THANKS

- For the good gifts God has given us in his creation.
- For the faith and hope of many people in Malawi from whom we can learn to share.
- For our co-workers in Malawi who put great effort into their help for the people there.

MY PRAYER IS

- For a better future for the members in that particular congregation in Malawi.
- For the leaders of the UMC in Malawi who are confronted with great problems. May they be inspired and led by the Spirit of God.
- For all our co-workers in Malawi as well as for our missionaries that they will make the right decisions and be able to take steps into the future.

The **World Mission** is that working section which is responsible for the international clerical cooperation of the UMC in Germany. It works closely together with the UMC missionary organizations in Europe and the USA.

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