



MISSIONARY PROFILE

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Chris and Penny Gibbs

Intermediate Missionaries to Malawi

Missionary # 156786

Transportation: Trailer

Who Is Traveling: Entire family

Chris was born on March 4, 1974. He speaks English and pidgin. His ministry involvement includes:

- preaching
- evangelism
- teaching
- equipping and teaching leadership
- leadership seminars

Penny was born on December 20, 1968. She speaks English only. Her ministry involvement includes:

- leadership training
- ladies ministries
- leadership seminars

Son **Caleb** was born August 3, 2001, and speaks English only. His ministry involvement includes:

- working the altar
- teaching Sunday school

Daughter **Jacie** was born February 17, 2008, and speaks English only.

- singing
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Biography

At the age of nineteen, Chris received his calling to ministry and missions at the same time, knowing one day he would be involved in ministry on the continent of Africa. Chris attended both Ohio State University, studying pre-med, and Carl F. Smith Bible Institute. Penny attended Phillips College and earned an associate's degree in hospital administration. She received her calling to missions while studying at Jackson College of Ministries.

In 1998 Chris met Penny in Cameroon, West Africa, while both were serving as AIMers. They taught in the Bible school and assisted with crusades, and Chris travelled as an evangelist in the country. Chris and Penny married in 2000 and assisted Gary Keller in Lancaster, Ohio, from 2000-2009, serving as youth pastor, college age leader, outreach director, ACTS instructor and assistant pastor, always with the knowledge they would one day go back to their first love, Africa.

They spent two years in Malawi, Africa, under the AIM program, and served as UPCI representatives for the nation.

In October 2012 they and their two children, Caleb and Jacie, received missionary appointment to Malawi. After returning to the field in October 2012, the Gibbs family has seen the Lord add many new branches to the work in Malawi. Revival has broken out throughout the country. In the last three years, the Lord has beautifully filled over 12,000 souls with the Holy Ghost and 120 have come through Malawi's Bible school in Blantyre.

A new vision and strategy have been cast for Malawi that entails four key points: 1) The sponsoring of a national evangelist team by local churches; 2) The equipping of leadership through ABC Bible School and three-day seminars in rural areas; 3) The creating of a standardized curriculum for Sunday school, new converts and youth; 4) Becoming financially self-sustaining through biblical teaching on tithing and offerings.

It is the Gibbse's desire for Malawi to blossom into a socially relevant church, a financially responsible church and a revolutionary church for the 21st century!