

SEMINARY GRANTS FIRST MISSION AWARD



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Briggs, a Sewickley Heights resident, with its first Award for Outstanding Mission Service and Support.

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Briggs designed the project, oversaw construction, and put in \$300,000 of his own money. Accomplishing the project required the support and cooperation of the Synod of Blantyre (Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian) and the intervention of the Malawi government General Secretaries. It required the on-site participation of several of Briggs' family members from Australia. It required the service of mission volunteers. It required the employment of 50 Malawian workers who were paid by Briggs 38 percent above the Malawi government's recommended wage.

Additionally, Briggs had other plans for the country. However, until recently he and the Presbyterian Church in Malawi have been stymied by Malawian officials. However, following a change in government leadership this past spring, Briggs is now able to return to Malawi to complete his river project which will allow for increased trade because of a "traveling lock" system which safely transports cargo from Lake Malawi down the rivers through Mozambique to the oceans. Briggs expects that Malawi will have unprecedented wealth almost immediately.

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