



## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

# The Power to See

John 9:1-11 (NIV)

### Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

<sup>10</sup> "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

<sup>11</sup> He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

## Prayers This Week

**West Siders ::** Jerry and Phyllis Strickler

**West Side Ministry ::** Session

**Mali Children ::** Madou and Ramatou

**Local Church ::** Riverview United Methodist Church - Pasco

**Additional Concerns ::** Robert & Margaret Storms, Lil Leggett, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, George & Jan Jacobson, Janet Bell, Kelsey Pratt, Tyler and Rochelle Holm

**In Military Service ::** North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Illinois-Noah Ellis; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington/Oregon-Jacob Ellis

This week we are praying for Tyler and Rochelle Holm working with PC-USA in Malawi (Africa). They recently wrote: "Please know this is a very difficult situation for our family right now. We remember that for many around the world this season has been even more difficult as many have seen death and illness. We all face great uncertainty, but we should not give into fear. We trust that our God is faithful to us in challenging times, while we are not promised to be without suffering, we are not alone."

*We had initially stocked up on food and cleaning supplies and planned to shelter-in-place here in Mzuzu for COVID-19. As the situation globally has escalated quickly in the past 48 hours, our family has been advised by Presbyterian World Mission to evacuate Mzuzu and return to the USA as quickly as possible. Also, the President of Malawi just closed all schools and stopped all public gatherings. This means Mphatso's elementary school and both the universities where we work are closed indefinitely.*

*Although Malawi has no reported cases of COVID-19 at this time, we plan to quarantine in place for 14 days as a precautionary measure. We will be based near the Presbyterian World Mission office, just outside Louisville, Kentucky. We are taking small steps and choosing to be grateful for many aspects of this evacuation: that we travel together as family, we were able to get commercial flights, and for round the clock support of Presbyterian World Mission team both praying for us and going above and beyond to coordinate logistics so our minds are at ease. We will also be traveling with Rev. Janet Guyer, another mission co-worker in Malawi.*

*How can you support our family: Pray! I am writing especially to see if you can support us when we arrive from Malawi to Louisville, KY. What we envision best would be some people helping us stock a few days of basic food and toiletries for quarantine to the apartment where we will be staying (or having an Amazon delivery order on the doorstep) plus some activities for our very active 6 year old Mphatso!"*

For private prayers throughout the week, contact the Prayer Chain:

Go to [westsidechurchrichland.org](http://westsidechurchrichland.org) and click on Prayer, email the chain at [ws1prayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:ws1prayerchain@gmail.com), or call Roz Rodgers (509.946.4299).