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Greetings,

I decided to send an email, asking for special prayer for Jeanette and the work there in Malawi. Last week, a tropical disturbance dropped unusually heavy amount of rain onto the southern parts of Malawi causing widespread flooding. I've copied and pasted a news update concerning that event below:

## Death toll, damage expected to rise in Malawi flood

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Johannesburg - The number of people killed and the damage caused to homes and properties in Malawi following the recent floods is expected to rise, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

In a statement, UN Secretary-General António Guterres extended his condolences to the Malawi government and families of flood victims across the country after reports that the flooding had affected approximately 115 000 people, particularly in the south of the country, and killed at least 23 over the last few days.

Guterres added that he was deeply saddened by the loss of life as UN assessment teams try to reach those affected in new areas with more than 80 percent of the country's hydro-electricity capacity down, seriously impacting the power supply.

On Friday, Malawian President Peter Mutharika declared a State of Emergency in the areas hit hardest by the rains and flooding, which followed the formation of a "tropical disturbance" over the Mozambique Channel earlier in the week.

Search and rescue teams from Malawi's Department of Disaster Management Affairs, have been working with local partners to deliver relief to affected people, including tents, plastic sheets, maize, rice, beans, blankets and kitchen utensils, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Homeland Security.

The World Food Programme (WFP) has deployed two boats to accompany the assessment and response; the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) is providing drones; and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), in collaboration with the WFP, is supporting mapping using satellite imagery.

We talked with Jeanette this morning and she is alright and the power has been restored to some semblance of "normal", although it's still spotty at times she

said. The reason for the urgent prayer request mentioned in the email heading is this... Another tropical disturbance is heading inland to Mozambique very soon, Tropical Storm Idai, and is projected to be a very powerful storm, even after making landfall. It's projected to possibly "stall" over southern Malawi, adding significant more rainfall over the upcoming weekend into early next week. With the ground already saturated from last week's heavy rain, this would more than likely expand the flood damage and loss of life. Please help us pray for Jeanette's protection, the work there in Malawi that she's laboring in and the people and churches that are already reeling from the losses that they have already suffered from the heavy rains and flooding.

Thank you so much for your interest and support that you've demonstrated for Jeanette already. And thank you in advance for helping to cover her in prayer during this upcoming event. God bless, guide and protect each one of you,

Harold Welch