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## TODD AND ANNIKA STATHAM SOPHIA AND MIO MALAWI

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has sent The Reverend Todd Statham, his wife Annika and their two children, Sophia and Mio, to serve the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Zomba, Malawi.

Todd is lecturing in church history and theology at Zomba Theological Colleg ([www.zombatc.org](http://www.zombatc.org)), the CCAP's seminary. While Annika's immediate focus is to care for the kids, helping them acclimatize to the many sights, smells, and sounds of a brand new culture, she hopes, in the future, to utilize her training in pedagogy and experience working with physically and mentally disabled children and adults.

"I was just finishing up a PhD in theology at McGill University when I heard that the Blantyre Synod had issued an appeal to its partner churches for qualified teaching staff for the seminary," explains Todd. "After a lot of thought and prayer, my wife and I made a big decision: yes!"

This was the latest step in a spiritual and physical journey that began in Todd and Annika's families and home congregations where missions were avidly promoted and supported — Todd at St. Andrews Presbyterian church in Duncan, B.C, and Annika in the Lutheran Church of Germany. Todd's cross-cultural ministry experiences in Central America, Scotland, Germany, and Taiwan and Annika's short term mission work in Tanzania whetted their interest in mission, especially in the "majority world". Shortly after the birth of Sophia, they moved to Hamburg, Germany, where Annika worked as a horse-riding therapist for people with disabilities and Todd finished his doctorate.

In addition to his responsibilities at Zomba Theological College, Todd, who trained for ministry at the Presbyterian College in Montreal, takes part in the wider life of the CCAP as a minister in association.

Learn more about Todd and Annika's experiences at  
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