



Lloyd FAMILY UPDATE

Matt, Titus, Zechariah,
Kristy, Margaret, and Caleb

Serving through GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

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Matthew, Maggie & Caleb
braving the snow

Greetings from the USA!

WE HAVE BEGUN OUR YEAR OF US ASSIGNMENT. The whole family traveled back from Malawi just in time for Christmas and a huge cold snap. It was quite an adjustment from 80 degrees on Monday to -37 wind chills on Friday! It was a rude welcome back!

We had a busy few months before leaving for the US as we prepared for the trip and completed ministry goals. Titus finished teaching his computer keyboarding class which is one of the ways he trains students for life and ministry at the Malawi Grace Bible School. We are looking forward to having more people skilled in typing as we continue working to translate and produce materials in the Chichewa language.

KRISTY AND MAGGIE have been meeting with ladies at our **GRACE CHURCH IN AREA 23 IN LILONGWE**. Kristy has been teaching them how to crochet and they sit together and talk as they work on their projects. Two of Pastor James Bandah's daughters, Blessings and Erin, have started small businesses selling some of the things they have crocheted to help with expenses and school fees.

Kristy also has made great progress in getting books ready for the **MALAWI GRACE BIBLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**. Our goal is to have a functioning library where Bible school students and pastors in Lilongwe can access reference books and materials. She hired Blessings and Erin as well as a couple of African Bible college students to help finish labeling and covering the books that we had on hand. They were able to finish all the books and they are now being stored in trunks on the Bible school campus. We still need funds to purchase or build shelving so that we can display the books properly. You can help towards that project by selecting **Malawi Library** under the **Projects** tab on the GMI website at gracem.org.

Titus has been continuing to work through the book of **1 THESSALONIANS WITH THE LILONGWE-AREA PASTORS** and leaders. Unfortunately, he was unable to finish the book before it was time to fly to the US. However, Pastor James stepped up to continue organizing the Monday meeting in Titus' absence. This is what we hope for as we serve; that local leaders will take up the responsibility for the ministries in their country.

Our **MALAWI GRACE BIBLE SCHOOL TRANSLATION PROJECT** is continuing. Our goal is to have a complete, three-level Bible school program, in both English and



Maggie and Caleb with
their fellow MK Heather
Nyakambiri

Chichewa. This allows us to train pastors and those who desire to become part of church ministry in either language. We offer these courses throughout Malawi by sending teachers to different key areas. If you would like to contribute to this translation work, select **Malawi Translation Project** under the **Projects** tab on the GMI website at gracem.org.

In **FEBRUARY WE BEGAN SPEAKING AT MISSION CONFERENCES** in the Grand Rapids, MI area. It has been a joy to greet believers in the United States. We will continue to be at conferences in that region until late April when we head east to Pennsylvania and New York, and then south to Florida. Please contact us if you would like to schedule us to speak at your church while we are in the USA this year.

Matthew, Maggie, and Caleb were able to join a **SWIM CLUB** shortly after our arrival in America. It has gone a long way in helping them get adjusted to life in the US. They were able to quickly make some friends with a shared interest and some shared experiences. It has been interesting to see how swim meets work in the US. Matthew and Maggie were able to get qualifying times to swim at divisional championships and Titus got recruited to help run the timing system at their first swim meet.

ZECH had the opportunity to travel to the USA with us for Christmas and spend a few weeks with us in January before flying back to Malawi on his own to continue his freshman year at African Bible College. He was able to spend time with his grandparents and most of his aunts, uncles and cousins before he returned. This is the first time we have been so far apart from one of our children for such a long time.

On March 12, **CYCLONE FREDDY** hit southern Africa. The cyclone caused heavy rains and wind to sweep through southern Malawi. It has caused massive devastation to the region, and nearly 300 homes and many farm fields of Grace church members have been destroyed. Our team on the ground is working to assess how we can best help our church members and their communities. If you would like to give towards this effort you can do so online by going to the GMI website at gracem.org and selecting **Malawi Disaster Relief** under the **Projects** tab.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY DURING THIS YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES while we are away from our home in Malawi. Pray for our co-workers who continue ministry in our absence. Pray for the challenges of ministry that need to be faced in light of fuel shortages, power outages, and now the devastation caused by Cyclone Freddy. Please also pray for Zech as he adjusts to life without Mom, Dad and siblings nearby.

In His Grace,

Titus, Kristy, Zech, Matt, Maggie and Caleb

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GMI Executive Director Jeremy Clark visiting the Area 23 church



Titus teaching the youth and children a song in Chichewa at Grace Bible Church in Newaygo, MI

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"

EPHESIANS 3:12

