



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We want to send greetings to you all and say thank you for praying for our family and ministry here in Africa! As you may know from our previous letter, we arrived in Malawi last June with the goal of moving on to Mozambique to begin a church planting ministry there with fellow Grace Ministries International (GMI) team members Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri. During the past six months in Malawi, we have been blessed with the opportunity to get to know the GMI team here in Malawi and learn from them. The GMI team in Malawi is a multi-cultural team that is comprised of team members from four African countries and the United States. They have been a great help to us as we acclimate to a new continent, learn about African cultures, and develop a strategy for bringing the gospel to neighboring Mozambique.

When we arrived in Malawi, we knew that we would be here for several months, but our time here became a little bit longer than we expected. We anticipated joining the Nyakambiri family in moving to Mozambique within a few months of our arrival, but those plans were delayed when their son J-Nathan was diagnosed with cancer last summer. J-Nathan started chemotherapy for Hodgkin's Lymphoma shortly after we arrived in Malawi and recently completed his last round of treatment. Preliminary test results look good, but we ask for your continued prayers for him and his family. We know the Lord's timing is always best and we praise God for this extended time in Malawi that has enabled us to better prepare for ministry in Mozambique.

During the six months we have spent in Malawi God has provided us with many opportunities for ministry in the local churches affiliated with GMI. Brian had the opportunity to teach guitar lessons in one of the churches in the capital city of Lilongwe and one of his students is a 12-year-old boy named Jonathan. He is the son of one of the pastors at the church and he has great potential as a future leader in the church. In addition to learning guitar, he also took keyboard lessons with GMI team member Brook Seekins and plays very well.



Brian also had the opportunity to preach in several churches and at a youth conference. The youth conference was his first time preaching in English and of course, it was a challenge. After that initial time, he became more comfortable preaching in English and enjoyed his time speaking in the various churches.

Gloria has taken advantage of this extended time in Malawi to work on her English. It was a big challenge for her to come to Malawi with very little grasp of the English language which is spoken by our GMI team and some of the nationals here, and no understanding of Chichewa which is the primary language of Malawi. She has been learning English little by little and is grateful that GMI team member Joseph

Asong has been tutoring her during this time. She has also learned some common phrases in Chichewa.



Our daughter, Nina, who will be three years old in April, has been learning a lot of English, and also some words in Chichewa. We also speak Portuguese and Spanish with her in our home. In the beginning, it was a little difficult for her, because she was experiencing so many new things; a new continent, a

new country, new languages, and new people all at once. Over the past several months she has become acclimated to all of these "new" things and is back to her normal kind self. Overall she has adjusted well to all of the changes and has even made some friends in our new neighborhood.



During our first few months here we were blessed to be able to live in the home of GMI team members Bill and Sue Vinton while they were visiting the United States. Having a nice, furnished home to move into when we arrived was very helpful for our family. With the Vintons scheduled to arrive back in Malawi in early December, we needed to find a home of our own to rent. After weeks of meeting with agents and looking at homes, we thank God that we found a house in a good area that meets our needs and has reliable electricity. We were finally able to move into that house in early December, just in time to get settled before our new baby girl arrives in January.

Gloria is now in the last month of her pregnancy and naturally, things are becoming more difficult for her during this time. With the hot weather we are experiencing this time of year and all of the other changes happening in our lives, please pray for her during the next couple of months. We are expecting the arrival of our new baby girl, Amelie, in the second week of January. She is a wonderful blessing from the Lord and we are looking forward to having her with us soon.



Meanwhile, we are waiting for our visas for Malawi to be extended and we are also working on our visas to move to Mozambique. While the initial visas for Mozambique have been approved, there are still more obstacles to work through with the government and more paperwork to complete. Brian hopes to start making some trips to Mozambique with Givemore Nyakambiri early next year to meet with contacts that we have already established. They also hope to become more familiar with the city that we will be moving to and the people that we will be sharing the gospel of God's grace with in Mozambique.

We want to say a special thank you to everyone who has been praying for us during our time in Malawi and for the upcoming birth of our baby. We also want to thank those who have been writing to us as this has been a great encouragement to us. We thank the Lord for you and pray that He will continue to bless your lives and ministries.

May God bless you all!

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