

Joseph and Emmanuela Asong

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# Missio Vibes



Dear Partner in Ministry,

Grace and peace to you from Malawi in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! How we all need His grace and peace in abundance during these unprecedented times!

## **CORONAVIRUS REPORT**

Many in the US and other countries around the world have been on lock down for several weeks and life has changed significantly in many other ways. Some even struggle to find toilet paper! While this is truly a challenging time in human history, it is also a great opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to share His grace with the world. We are sure that even this shall pass! May the Lord strengthen and comfort us all, especially those of us who have been directly hit by this Coronavirus pandemic. It is changing life here in Malawi too, though at a much slower and limited way. **Please pray that the LORD will give us wisdom to make good decisions for the days and months ahead.**

## **STEADY PROGRESS FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

In spite of everything going on, the Lord has been giving us steady progress as we remain poised in assisting the Grace Church in Malawi train and equip godly men and women who are working to build solid and living grace churches and ministries in Malawi. In March we began a new Bible school class in Lilongwe with 14 students. Our level 2 and 3 students in Lilongwe have also been making steady progress towards the completion of their training. This April, we had a nine-day trip to Luchenza for a Chichewa Bible School module. Even with the limitation of our ministries due to Covid-19, Joseph is still busy working on future Bible School courses and coordinating things for the days and months ahead. **God is so good!**

## **MUCH GROWTH FOR BUSINESS AND NUTRITION TRAINING**

The business and nutrition training that Emmanuela runs is knowing so much success -**Praise the Lord!** In November last year, we graduated thirty-nine students whom Emmanuela continues to mentor as they engage in real life implementation of the skills that they learned. Emmanuela started a new class in March and so far has about a hundred and five students registered. This is a great avenue that she is already using to disciple these women as God's Word is shared before each training session. This April, Emmanuela accompanied Joseph to Luchenza as she mentored three of her Lilongwe students who taught about twenty-five women recipes, home management and even prevention measures for Covid-19. This maiden trip launched her push to take the training outside of Lilongwe. It was so well received! **Praise the Lord!**

## **TRANSFORMATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROJECTS**

Thank you so much for your support for GMI's 2019 Christmas Projects. Through this support, ninety-five packages of relief food have been distributed in the war-afflicted city of Kumba in Cameroon. Furthermore, twenty-two new desks and chairs have been provided for our Bible School classrooms in Lilongwe. Also, the thirty-nine women who graduated from the Business and Nutrition training last



*Emmanuela's team in Luchenza*



*Classroom with new desks and chairs*



*Sella teaches in Luchenza*

## PICTURE COLLAGE OF THE ASONGS' MINISTRIES - MAY 2020



*Graduate doing business*



*Another graduate doing business*



*Business endeavor for another graduate*



*Business and Catering Training graduation*



*Emmanuela teaching on COVID-19 in Luchenza*



*Graduates receive business grants*



*Joseph and Yamikani at Luchenza Bible School*



*Lilongwe team and Bible school class in Luchenza*



*New Level 1 Bible school class in Lilongwe*



*New Business and Nutrition class*

November have received small grants and are currently making their mark in the business landscape in their communities. **Please join us to glorify the Lord for His amazing provision!**

### GRACE MINISTRIES IN MALAWI AND CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS

Grace Ministries is now officially registered in Malawi and this gives us much more latitude to partner and serve with the Grace Church in Malawi. Consequently, our Postal Address has permanently changed as follows: Joseph and Emmanuela ASONG, Grace Ministries, P O Box 2411, Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa.

### FAMILY NEWS

**Please pray with and for us** that we will acquire permanent residence in Malawi in the near future. We tried to apply this year but Malawi's Immigration suddenly hiked the cost from \$2500 to \$10,000. We now have another two-year employment permit for which we are still thankful to the Lord. **Praise the Lord yet again!** Joseph has now been awarded an MA in Theological Education by London School of Theology/Middlesex University. God is so good! Also, please **continue to pray for** our families and friends and the people in Southern Cameroon as they remain in grave danger in the midst of the war going on there.

Thank you so much for your faithful partnership, especially in a time such as this!  
Joseph, Emmanuela, Princess and Sammy Parker