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Dear Partner,

Greetings from Lilongwe! Before we tell you all about what the LORD has been doing, please know that we think about you and desire to hear how the LORD is working in your life. In spite of our busy schedules, it is always fun to read from you, share with you, and pray with and for you.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

As we shared with you earlier this year, we continue to give our all to help the Grace Church in Malawi prepare godly and effective leaders who will nurture and lead the churches affiliated with GMI in Malawi to maturity and vitality. In keeping with this goal, our Theology Department has been taking trips outside of Lilongwe to open new Bible Schools in Chichewa as well as making progress on already existing Bible School schools.



Paying attention at the conference



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In April and June, Joseph's team opened two new Chichewa Bible Schools in Kanongola and Mauni respectively. Joseph and his team will be returning to these two places in the coming months to make progress with the newly established schools.



Malawi team in Zambia

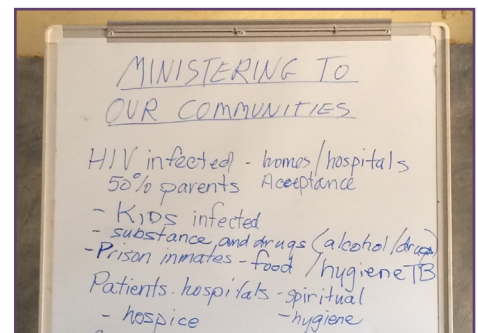


GHANA

With a desire to see the realization of Grace Ministries International's (GMI's) *VISION 2023*, we remain very keen as to a potential future partnership between GMI and the Grace Bible Church of Ghana. Eric Mango (fellow GMI missionary here in Malawi) took a second survey trip to Ghana in July 2017 and he shared how impressed he is with what is going on there. Steve Sherman and Mike Caraway are taking yet another survey trip there in October 2017. As West Africans, our desire to see the spread of God's grace in West Africa remains very strong.

ZAMBIA GRACE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thanks so much for your prayers for the Grace Leadership Conference that was in Zambia (June/July 2017). We did take a team of seven Malawian national leaders to the conference and it was such a blessing. It was good to see the Grace Church in Zambia regrouping after several difficult years.



The seminar drawing board

It was also awesome to meet and learn from the teaching team led by Jim Moore from Hudsonville, MI, that came from the US. Joseph taught a session on *discipleship* during the conference. He also spoke at *devotions* alongside other African leaders. It was evident that the believers present desire to see African leaders more involved in speaking during such conferences.

ANNUAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

This August, a dear Christian friend of ours from Spokane, WA, visited. Joseph, Dr. Bill Vinton (GMI Malawi Field Director), Mark Gietz and 21 of our Malawian leaders met in Mambala for our annual pastors' conference. Mark spoke on *biblical manhood* and it was a huge success. In Lilongwe, Mark and Dr. Bill spoke at a seminar on how we can best serve the needs of our communities. An average of 30 people attended the Lilongwe seminar. We all left with commitments to implement the ideas developed. On September 9, Mark spoke at the wedding of Yamikani Lefani, a key national leader. Eric Mango, a fellow GMI missionary here, performed the ceremony. Mark left after the ceremony, and he has promised to think about returning to Malawi next year. We so look forward to serving with him again!

EMMANUELA'S COOKING/BUSINESS CLASSES

Emmanuela recently resumed her cooking/business classes with women in Lilongwe after our Zambia trip. Please pray for her as a local Community Development Agency has approached her asking for her to expand her ministry to a larger group of women within their sphere of influence. We are still seeking the LORD's leading as this could become a great opportunity to bring spiritual blessings to many more women.

KINDLY PRAY WITH AND FOR US

Please join us in thanking the LORD for the many victories He has blessed us with this past season. Kindly ask him to continue to strengthen us with his grace so that we will be more and more effective in His work. Also pray for future ministry plans as shared above.

Thanks ever so dearly for your every support!

Serving with joy,

Joseph, Emmanuela,
Princess and Sammy Parker



Yamikani and Beatrice



Mark Gietz from Spokane speaking at Area 36



Kanongola class session



*Joseph with a USA teaching team in Zambia:
Phil Long, Russell Kopp, Leah Kopp, Cliff Tulsie,
Robert Nix, Joel Molina, and Jim Moore*