

TRANSFORMATION INSIGHTS

THE ASONGS IN MALAWI

SERVING WITH GMI

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DEAR PARTNER IN MINISTRY,

Grace and peace to you from our loving Father in Heaven! It remains a great blessing and privilege for us to continue standing side by side as we partner with the Grace Church in Malawi to prepare capable men and women fit and ready to spread God's grace in Malawi and throughout Africa.

GREETINGS FROM CAMEROON!

It has been a great blessing to spend time in our home country with Emmanuela's mother, other family members, and some friends here in Cameroon. We are refreshed and ready once again to return to Malawi to continue the work of assisting the Grace Church in Malawi to train godly and capable workers to lead churches, transform communities, and build the Body of Christ in Malawi and beyond.

PRAISE POINTS: A VERY FRUITFUL SEASON OF MINISTRY:

The LORD has so far blessed this year with so many enduring fruits. Please join us to praise Him for the following. First, we thank God for the beautiful stories emerging from our efforts to economically empower the leaders we are training who are faithfully serving the LORD. With the challenging economic realities in Malawi, this work is critical. We trained seventeen leaders in 2024 and empowered them with small microloans. This year, Joseph has been visiting these leaders to see how they are doing. While a few of them had challenges with their agricultural investments due to poor weather conditions, most of them are doing well, and some of them have begun repaying the loans.

Second, Emmanuela and her Grace School of Home Economics (GSHE) team hosted forty women for two days of training in a village six hours south of Lilongwe. The team taught the women many things, including several cooking recipes and business tips, among others. Emmanuela and her team plan to visit these women again before the end of the year to finalize their training, which started in 2021. This year has also been a great year for the regular GSHE training in Lilongwe. Emmanuela and her team are super pleased with the commitment of the current batch of students. Thirty-four of them started this journey in October 2024, and 28 will be graduating in September!

Third, we praise the LORD that in May, Joseph and Dr. Bill Vinton taught a two-day teacher orientation seminar for eleven Malawian teachers at Malawi Grace Bible School. This was a huge milestone as seven of the eleven are new teachers at MGBS. Our training ministry



EMMANUELA'S MOM RECEIVING THE ASONG FAMILY AT THE AIRPORT IN CAMEROON



GRACE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS TRAINING IN SOUTHERN MALAWI



HAIR STYLING TRAINING AT THE GRACE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS IN LILONGWE, MALAWI

is expanding rapidly, and we can only keep up with the demand by adding more instructors from the Grace Church in Malawi. Our endgame is always to train enough Malawians to take over the ministries that we do. God has blessed us greatly in the ministry of leadership training and theological education as we are edging towards this endgame. The seven new teachers have since been attending Bible School modules to receive practical orientation.

Fourth, we are thanking God that in the middle of May, Joseph travelled to Kabwe, Zambia, for ten days to help the Grace Church in Zambia continue in the process of resuscitating their Leadership Training and Theological Education program. We praise God for the twenty-two students who completed the module in Kabwe.

Fifth, Joseph and Pastor James Bandah (a Grace Church leader) spearheaded the organization of our annual leadership training conference that continues to provide training and care to pastors and leaders. It was such a blessed time when fifty-four Grace Church leaders from across Malawi gathered in southern Malawi for a week of training and fellowship. New leadership for the Grace Church in Malawi was also elected during the conference. The LORD added a special blessing by bringing GMI Executive Director Jeremy Clark, along with the Lead Pastor of Rush Creek Bible Church, Cameron Townley, and the Administrator of Rush Creek, Brett Elder to visit. Although they stayed for just a few hours, the LORD used them all to bless the leaders so much.

Finally, we are praising the LORD that in June, we had a beautiful graduation ceremony at one of our Bible School centers in southern Malawi. Thirteen students were graduating from their first level of Bible School.

PRAYER POINTS: WE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

We return to Malawi the last week of August and will hit the ground running. Please pray for a safe and smooth return to Malawi. Also, pray for a smooth reentry into life in Malawi for all four of us. Pray that Joseph and Emmanuela will resume ministry without hassle, and Princess and Parker will resume school seamlessly. Pray for the Grace School of Home Economics graduation on September 6th. Pray for Joseph and James Bandah as they attend a Theological Education summit in South Africa on September 20th. Pray for peace in both Malawi and Cameroon as they hold their national elections in September and October, respectively. Please continue to pray that our ministry support will grow to meet the growing needs on the field.

Thank you so much for supporting us through your prayers and gifts!

JOSEPH, EMMANUELA, PRINCESS, AND SAMMY PARKER ASONG



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