

TRANSFORMATION INSIGHTS

THE ASONGS IN MALAWI



SERVING WITH GMI

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DEAR PARTNER IN MINISTRY,

It feels like ages since the last time we wrote this newsletter! A lot has happened since August 2025. And we guess HAPPY NEW YEAR is still in order! We trust that 2026 is unfolding well for you so far. May your union with Christ grow stronger this year so that you will be able to bear much fruit for the LORD and faithfully handle whatever the LORD brings your way.

GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

Have you ever found yourself in a season where you feel like the LORD is showing up for you like never before? We feel like we are in such a season right now. Many times, in ministry, we experience legitimate headaches and heartaches, and feeling overwhelmed with all of the negativity can easily become the norm. But the LORD often brings along seasons of refreshing and fruitful harvest that lift our spirits and spur us on to the prize of our high calling. We always feel deeply grateful to the LORD for His faithfulness in our lives and for His many blessings at this time.

We will use a slightly different approach in updating you in this letter on our work assisting the Grace Church in Malawi train godly and competent leaders for the GMI-affiliated churches and ministries in Malawi. We will also update you on our community development efforts through the Grace School of Home Economics. We will begin by sharing praise updates. Then we will share a few stories to highlight some of the praise points. Finally, we will share prayer requests related to our plans for the coming months. Thank you so much for your unyielding interest in and faithful support for the LORD's work in and through us in Malawi!

PRAISES

- In August, we safely returned to Malawi after spending a wonderful seven-week period with family and friends in our home country of Cameroon. We have since settled back well into life and ministry in Malawi.
- In September, Emmanuela and her team graduated twenty-nine women from the Grace School of Home Economics in a beautiful graduation ceremony. Many of these women are already making a difference for themselves and their families. After a much-needed rest, Emmanuela and her team started a new training session this January with thirty-three students enrolled.
- Between October and December, Joseph successfully taught two courses to our Level Three Bible School students in Lilongwe who are enrolled in our English program. Joseph started yet another pair of courses with this same group in January and will be completing these in the first week of March.



GRACE SCHOOL OF HOME
ECONOMICS GRADUATION
IN SEPTEMBER 2025



TRAINING CORE GRACE
CHURCH LEADERS IN
ORGANIZATIONAL
LEADERSHIP



GRACE CHURCH NATIONAL
COUNCIL TRAINING IN
NOVEMBER 2025

- In September, Joseph and James (a Grace Church pastor and Director of the Grace Church Training Department) travelled to South Africa for a Theological Education conference, where they gained helpful insights and collected new materials for our Leadership Training and Theological Education program in Malawi.
- Between September and now, our training team has taught eleven different Bible School modules in locations across Malawi. A typical Bible School module takes a full week to teach two courses.
- In November, Joseph, Bill Vinton, and Brook Seekins (fellow GMI Missionaries in Malawi) facilitated a two-day seminar with the National Council of the Grace Church on strategic planning. This training is helping the Grace Church in Malawi take its ministries to a completely different level. The National leadership is now engaged in understanding what the core values, mission, vision, goals, and strategies of their different areas of ministry are. Building on this, Joseph organized a two-day training course in February on organizational leadership for the core leaders of the Grace Church National Council. An outside expert was engaged to help these leaders take practical steps to move their mission along.
- In the third week of February, we had a beautiful gathering in Lilongwe for thirty-nine wives of Grace Church pastors and leaders from all over Malawi for a full week of training. Emmanuela and other GMI missionaries (Sylvia and Brook) taught classes alongside Pastor James and an invited speaker from Evangelism Explosion. Joseph led the women during chapel time and organized special moments spent in prayer for ministries and for one another.



ANNIE AT HER CLOTHING SHOP



PASTORS' WIVES TRAINING

STORIES WORTH SHARING

It is amazing to see how the LORD is blessing the graduates of the Grace School of Home Economics. Just from the batch of women who graduated in September, many of them have gained employment in hotels. Henriette picked up a job as a Chef in Malawi's Parliament! Several of the ladies work in restaurants, while others have started their own restaurants. Modesta started her own hairdressing salon. Annie, who graduated in 2019, received small loans from us and now has her own clothing shop. These and many stories like these are only possible because of your partnership in our ministries!

PLANS AND PRAYER POINTS

Please join us in praying for the following:

- The Bible School graduations in Chikwawa and Nsanje in March.
- Joseph's two-week trip to Zambia in April for Zambia Grace Bible Institute.
- The Bible School graduation in Lilongwe in April.
- The Pastor's Leadership Training in Lilongwe in May.
- Progress for our Level Three Chichewa Bible School students in Lilongwe.
- Several Bible School modules being taught across Malawi.
- The opening of the Grace School of Home Economics new training center in Nsanje in July.
- The GMI Malawi missionary retreat we are planning for July.

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

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