



September 2020

Dear Partner in Ministry,

We send love and greetings from Malawi in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ!

THANKSGIVING!

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect every aspect of life on earth, we can sometimes forget to thank the LORD for all the wonderful things He continues to do for all of us. We therefore pause right now just to thank the LORD deeply for you, our faithful companion through this extraordinary mission the LORD has given us here in Malawi. We thank the LORD that in spite of everything going on, He is keeping you and yours. He continues to give you the ability to stand with and for us. We thank Him for keeping us safe and for giving us good health. We thank Him for providing for our needs and for continuing to give us great opportunities to share His grace. We thank Him for our missionary colleagues in Malawi and all over the world. We thank Him for our friends and relatives. It is so refreshing to give thanks, especially in challenging times! We trust you are finding many things to give thanks for.

BIBLE SCHOOL PRAYER DAY AND MENTORING PROGRAM

Joseph remains poised towards our commitment to help the Grace Church in Malawi train men and women who will be capable of leading God's people here in Malawi, especially during these challenging times. In spite of the changes that COVID-19 brings, we continue to run our Bible School programs all over Malawi. On Saturday, August 22, we had a general prayer day for our Lilongwe campus. Faculty members and students gathered together and sought the face of the Lord for several hours. We take the spiritual wellbeing of both our faculty and students seriously. For the first time this year, we have also just paired our students with faculty members for a very important aspect of the training that we deliver: mentoring. We believe that close one-on-one mentoring relationships are indispensable in building the spiritual lives of our students.

Please pray earnestly that the LORD will bless this program with rich fruit. Also pray for the new Bible School module that began on August 27 in Lilongwe, with seven courses running concurrently. Give praise for the successful finish of the last module which ran six courses side by side.



Bible School Day of Prayer

GRACE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS!

The ministry that Emmanuela has been investing in is slowly taking shape into a formal school! It has a name: **Grace School of Home Economics!** Emmanuela now has two Malawian sisters and a brother who teach with her in the school: Alefa, Sella, and Malongo. The two sisters are graduates from the training while Pastor Malongo is a Grace pastor who has been working with Emmanuela from the very beginning, teaching the women spiritual things and now teaching them other classes too! The new curriculum that has been developed is made up of ten different subjects and students now take exams! The first exam was given this month and the



Business exam

students performed very well. Due to the large number of students, the need for social distancing, and exam rules, the women were split into several groups during the exams and some had to sit outside. It is so inspiring to see aged mothers like the one featured on the photo sitting outside and putting their hearts into their training. **Please continue to pray for these women and for the positive changes that this ministry is experiencing.**



Business class

perienicing. Give thanks for the graduates who are currently in the field doing business. In spite of the hassles that COVID-19 poses on businesses, these women brought in an even greater turnover from their businesses at the end of their last quarter which ended in August. God is on the move!

FAMILY NEWS

Princess and Parker are still not going to school just as the rest of the children in Malawi. But the government here is opening schools on September 7. Senior classes will begin and other classes will join in as observations are made regarding safety. It is not clear at this point when Princess's and Parker's classes will resume. In the meantime, they are learning at home. Please pray that all of this will go well and that the children here in Malawi will be safe. **Please also pray for the challenging process of renewing three of our passports and for the LORD to continue to provide for this and other needs that we face daily.** As you may already know, we earlier made the difficult decision of postponing our planned trip to the US this year because it was not possible for us to get visas and it is really difficult to find affordable flights nowadays. We were so looking forward to seeing many of you but we are at peace knowing that the Lord knows best. **Kindly pray that the Lord will soon open another door for us to visit soon.**

Thank you so much for your faithful partnership, especially in a time such as this!

Joseph, Emmanuela, Princess, and Sammy Parker



Hendrina is a Level 1 student in the English program in our Lilongwe Campus. Here she is presenting a song during the Prayer Day program.



Our family