

A WORD FROM THE LLOYDS

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Maswera bwanji? (How has your day been?) ***Tili bwino!*** (It has been good!)

The year 2021 ended and 2022 has started with a bang! COVID-19 Omicron, cyclones in the Indian Ocean, war in Europe, high fuel prices: through it all we know that God is still working in the dispensation of His grace to reconcile people to Him (2 Cor. 5:18-19). What a comfort it is to know that as believers we are *not appointed to wrath, but to obtain salvation!* (1 Thess. 5:9)

During the end of 2021 our team was busy working to fulfill the legal requirements of our local organization in Malawi, Grace Ministries. Titus spent a lot of time working on the necessary financial reports and getting the financial records in an acceptable form for the Malawian government. Sue Vinton, Brook Seekins and Sylvia Nyakambiri worked on the team to create an activity report that needed to accompany the financial report. These things are all a part of ministry as they are required for us to continue ministering in Malawi.

Cyclone Ana hit the southern part of Malawi at the end of January. It did significant damage to many areas in southern Malawi including a number of our Grace churches. Many homes were damaged and crops destroyed. The storm also completely destroyed one of the dikes that routes water to a main hydro-powered generator. This knocked out 1/3 of Malawi's electricity generation capacity. This has led to 6.5 hour daily power outages. Another cyclone, Gombe, hit again in the middle of March in many of these same areas. If you would like to help those in our churches affected by the storms, you can give to the Malawi Disaster Relief project on the GMI website (www.gracem.org).

In February, Kristy had the opportunity to attend a conference in South Africa for women in ministry. She had been looking forward to this conference for several months, and because of the Covid-19 spike in December and threat of forced vaccination, it was uncertain if she would be able to attend. Fortunately, by the end of January the Covid numbers had reduced significantly and Malawi stopped enforcing the vaccination requirement for entry. This allowed Kristy to travel and enjoy a time of refreshment.

February and the beginning of March was a busy time for our kids as all four of them are involved in swimming. We had a number of swim meets in February in preparation for Malawi Nationals the first week of March. Titus was also involved as he serves as the timing system operator and recorder for the events at the ABC pool. This year's nationals took place in Blantyre (about a 5 hour drive from our home in Lilongwe). Titus was asked to run the timing system and be the recorder there as well. Our team did very well this year, coming in second for overall medals, but first in gold medals! The Lloyd family contributed to this by getting 8 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals!



Kristy at conference



Swim team at nationals

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Kristy continues to work with the ladies at area 23 teaching crochet and crafts while Zech teaches the children's class on Saturday mornings. The road to the area 23 church has gotten too bad, because of the rains, for Kristy to get there on her own, so Titus has been driving everyone and meeting with Pastor James during that time. Kristy is also still raising funds for the Bible school library as only about 1/3 of the funds have come in. You can support her project on the GMI website titled Malawi Library. You can see Kristy talking about this project here: <https://youtu.be/nZQtIMVdxck>



Titus with ABC class



Titus with Lilongwe leaders

Titus concluded another semester of Intro to Computer Science classes at African Bible College in December. He continues to teach an IT/Robotics class at ABC Christian Academy to the high school students. He also continues to meet with the Grace Church leaders in Lilongwe; they are currently studying the book of 1st Thessalonians. The project to translate Bible school courses into Chichewa is still ongoing and the need is increasing. You can see this project on the GMI website under Malawi Translation Project.

Zech has decided to stay in Malawi for college and study at African Bible College. Please pray for him as he takes his entrance exam on April 30, as he would like to start school in August. Matthew is looking at Christian schools with swim teams in the USA. We plan to stay in Malawi for Zech's first semester and then travel to the USA for home assignment in December. Please pray for all these transitions for our family! Pray for all the ministries in Malawi, that they will continue to be able to spread the Gospel of the Grace of God unhindered. Pray especially for us in the next few months as a number of our friends will be leaving Malawi.

In His grace,

Titus, Kristy, Zech, Matt, Maggie, & Caleb

— prayer — REQUESTS

- Please continue to pray for our family and our ministry in Malawi especially during these uncertain days.
- Please pray for Zech and his decision to remain and attend African Bible College.
- Pray for Matthew, Maggie and Caleb as they continue with their education.
- Pray for us as parents as we continue to train up our children in the knowledge and understanding of the Lord.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (Galatians 5:1).