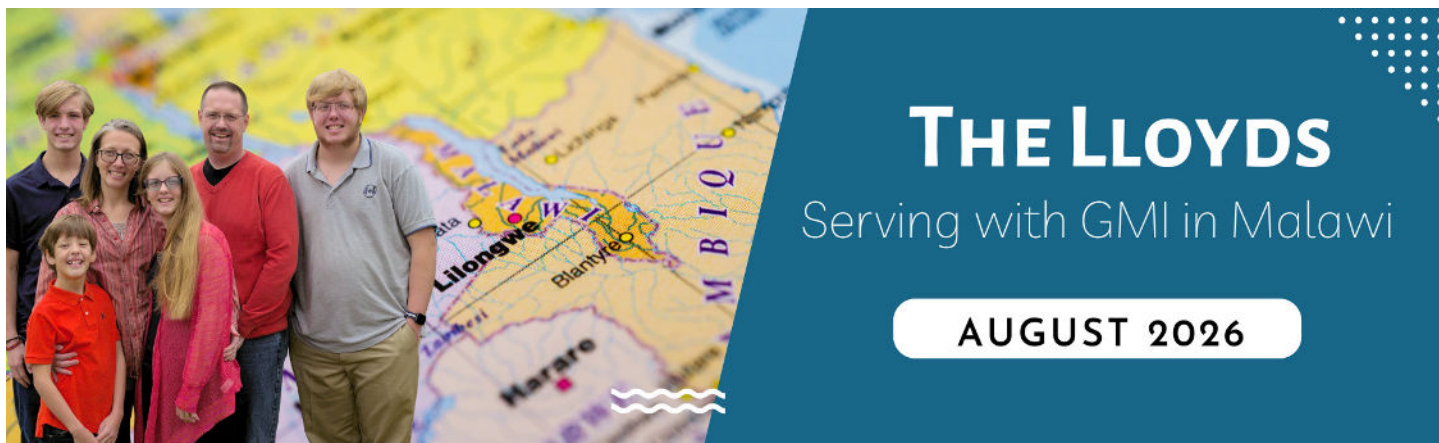




Greetings from the warm heart of Africa.

Malawi remains a difficult place to live and work, but God remains faithful. This year has been filled with blessings and challenges. Paul instructs us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to give thanks in everything. Sometimes it is hard to be thankful for fuel shortages, power outages, difficult students, and a lack of resources, but God is always faithful, and we can be even more appreciative when things are going well.

Titus has been working to translate the book Bible Truth by Charles Baker into Chichewa with the goal of having it published. He has been testing some different computer-based translation options and now has a rough draft being checked by Titu Chirwa, our new GMI team member who is from Malawi.

Kristy has been working hard to get the Malawi Grace Bible School Library up and running. She has hired a young lady, Violet, and is training her to be the librarian. She found many more books that were in storage, and they are working to get them logged, covered, and labeled. The goal is to have the library functioning when we start a new batch of level one students in January.

Kristy also had an opportunity to teach some ladies at the Kumangwetu Center in southern Malawi and at the Grace School of Home Economics in Lilongwe. She has developed ways of recycling plastic bottles to make jewelry and home decor. Since we have an almost unlimited supply of these in Malawi, it is a great way for the ladies to make something useful with very little cost. She hopes that she can teach the ladies to see possibilities where most simply see trash.

Titus finished his second year teaching Bible for ABC Christian Academy. It was a privilege for him to teach 26 students through the book of Acts. It was a challenge at times to engage these students during the first class period in the morning, but a blessing to have so many opportunities to share the gospel as they journeyed through the text and saw how God used the 12 Apostles at the beginning and then the transition to the Apostle Paul and his message of God's grace.



Kristy teaching the ladies at Kumangwetu



Caleb tries his hand at fishing during our GMI team retreat



Maggie loves all the babies!

The Malawi Aquatic Union asked Titus to serve as the chief recorder for this year's Malawi Nationals Swim Competition. It is a big task to create and manage the 160-event swim meet that spans six days. His job was to manage all the entries before the meet, ensure all the results are transmitted correctly from the timing system, and generate the official results and reports. For the first time, this year's Malawi Nationals was an official World Aquatics (formerly FINA) event, so everything had to be done by the book!

Maggie competed well at the Malawi Nationals this year. She won three gold medals, four silver medals, and one bronze medal. She is really developing as a swimmer and was selected to be one of the team captains. She has also been helping coach the beginner team as well as teaching swim lessons.

We were blessed to have many visitors this year. Matthew came to visit for the first time since he began college, and his girlfriend, Lizzie, joined him. Kristy's mom and niece also came to visit along with Zech's girlfriend, Blessing. It was a blessing to have the whole family together in one place again for a time. It was also wonderful for Zech and Matthew's girlfriends to see where they had grown up.

Zech graduated from college after a long four years. We are very proud of him for finishing well, despite many challenges. He has decided to relocate to the US following graduation. He and Blessing are now engaged, and he flew back to the States with his new fiancée in June, and they have begun planning for a January wedding.

Caleb has become an avid reader, taking after his big brother. He continues to have a love of farming, although he still needs to learn the patience needed to grow things! He learned some new techniques when we visited Kumangwetu and learned from the leaders of the "I Was Hungry" program.

We hope to see many of you in the coming months. Titus will fly from Malawi directly to the Pacific Northwest to attend mission conferences in October. Then we will all travel to the US in December for mission conferences and weddings! Please pray for us to be productive during our remaining time here, as there are still a lot of things to accomplish. Please pray for our family as we transition to living in the US for several months.

In His grace,

Titus, Kristy, Maggie, and Caleb



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**The family at Zech's graduation.
Including Blessing, Moses, and
Pastor Malion**

**"In every thing give
thanks: for this is
the will of God in
Christ Jesus
concerning you."**

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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