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nvesting in men - Our purpose is to refer men back to Scripture. Women and children usually outnumber men in many of our church congregations in Malawi. We are meeting once a month, the first Sunday of every month. Brothers from Lilongwe traveled to Kamoyo Village the 5th of July for a men's meeting (see photo to the right below). This initiative was well received especially and not surprisingly by the women of the village. Men from the church together with those whose wives attend Grace Church gathered with the Lilongwe team. Life-transforming biblical truths were shared and accepted. Local culture bowed to biblical culture. Men were excited to meet and be able to discuss issues seeking answers from each other. Thank the Lord for answered prayers that some of the men witnessed for a couple of others who are now coming to church and joining other men during fellowship times.

An invitation was extended to the Men's Fellowship by the Minister's Fraternal in Lilongwe. This comes at the backdrop of the police summoning Minister's Fraternal leadership discussing the increase of reported domestic violence in the area. The police called for Christian leaders' intervention. **Pray that the meeting will positively impact marriages in the area and that the police will have confidence with Christian leaders.** Pray that men's relationship with God will be cultivated and rekindled.



Church planting - As we continue to reach the communities around Lilongwe with the gospel of the grace of God, Kamoyo Village Church took a step to share the good news with the next village. Yamikani, together with Pastor James, visits these village church-

es to conduct Bible studies every Thursday. Yamikani and his wife gave themselves fully to being part of the Kamoyo Village Church to congregate with them every Sunday. What a blessing to train men who are passionate to do the work of God such as Yamikani.

Single mothers – The coronavirus has forced a lot of things to adjust in diverse ways. Single mothers put their normal businesses to a halt pending the outcome of government restrictions. With this they spend most of their time at home and meet only in small numbers to encourage each other. Recently, through the generous support of many through Grace Ministries International (GMI), Sylvia



was able to purchase 15 fifty kilogram bags of maize with other important basic needs and gave them to single mothers (picture left). These single mothers shed tears of joy of gratitude to God. **God bless you for your support and prayers for these ladies and their children who are facing severe difficulties due to Covid-19.**

Cancer patients - Sylvia sewed face masks to give to cancer patients and their parents or guardians at the hospital. This was welcomed by the hospital. Monthly aid was given to cancer patients with the parents/guardians praising God for His faithfulness in supplying their physical needs while they are in the hospital. Again, **this is only possible because of your generous gifts toward those kids who are battling cancer** in the hospital, the majority of whom come from villages that are far from the city. Spending weeks and sometimes months in the hospital makes them exhaust all they would have brought from the village to live on, and they have empty stomachs during some days. This aid gives them a meal most of the days. Please pray that we will be able to follow up on some of these people who have invited us to take the gospel to their villages when virus-imposed restrictions are relaxed.

Givemore continues counseling those in the hospital mostly after distributing aid. Weekly visits to villages are on hold as a precaution to not contract or spread the virus. Many of these people need hope that only God can provide. Grace to understand and give counsel from the Word is needed. **Pray for wisdom by the Holy Spirit in this regard.**

One 14-year-old boy decided to leave the hospital to walk back home when he heard that his cancer came back after a rigorous three years of chemo. He was tired of seeing his mother and siblings suffering because of his disease. He gave up on life. He wanted to die quicker to give his mother a break. This cancer journey is not easy. It needs prayer partners who intercede on behalf of these children.

Our son, J-Nathan, is scheduled to finish his three years of chemo next year (2021). This brave trooper mostly gets knocked out by the chemo. His health goes through unpredictable swings. Our family goes through the same swings most of the time but we have peace in our hearts because of the hope that we have in Christ Jesus. Pray for his body to recover well from the side effects of most of the medication he receives.

Thank you for your generous gifts that enable the preaching of the gospel in different communities.

God richly bless you.

Givemore, Sylvia, and family



J-Nathan on Cancer Day



Distributing face masks and food aid to the cancer patients at the hospital



Pastor James preparing aid for single mothers