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Hello Friends,

Greetings from Lilongwe, Malawi where we've been enjoying perfect weather the past few days (high of 80, low of 57). I guess it's Spring here even though there's no rain. We're coming out of winter and already starting to psych ourselves up for the hot months of October through March. Our flower pots are all blooming gorgeously and I (Sue) have started three potted succulent gardens recently too! Our bird bath has attracted about 20 different kinds of birds and I get sidetracked looking out the window at the beauty of God's creation. I'll try to concentrate for a bit as I'm excited to share with you how we've seen God working over the past six months, answering your prayers and ours.

The past six months have been filled with writing, traveling, teaching, preparing, accounting, and more. All of these things have something in common: pressing on toward the goals that we've shared with you in the past, all of which will help us accomplish our purpose: helping key Malawian leaders to better understand, live and proclaim the message of God's grace.



*The Pastors' Conference was a great encouragement to many pastors who had a very tough year with natural disasters and opposition from Muslim groups*

God has made it possible for us to spend a lot of time and effort these past six months getting more literature written and translated into Chichewa. Sue continues to adapt and translate lessons to be used in children's Sunday school classes. Bill has written two Bible School courses on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the doctrine of grace. He has also written materials which have been used in church seminars and in the pastor's conference which was held here in July for 50 pastors and leaders. We're motivated by the goal of producing and printing 100 copies each of ten pieces of Chichewa literature to be used in the ministries of the Grace Church in Malawi by January 2024.

Bill has also been traveling a lot. By the end of August he'll have been on 7 trips to different parts of southern Malawi where he and one other teacher have been teaching modular Bible school classes. We're thankful that God is opening the way for Bill to make continued progress toward his goal of teaching five courses in each of the seven teaching centers by January 2024. Most of those courses involve six teaching days and two travel days. Pray for Bill as he continues to drive to these various Bible school teaching centers. We are thankful that Bill's health has been good enough to maintain a full ministry schedule and we recognize that it is God at work in his body as an answer to prayer!



*The Bible school group at Phalombe enjoys a break from their studies in Acts*

In early August Pastor Yamikani, Sue, and her co-worker Blessings, led a two-day training seminar for five zone leaders of children's ministry. These zone leaders oversee the 30+ children's Sunday school teachers who are currently serving in their churches. The training focused on how to encourage them in their ministries, how to work well with the pastors and leaders in their churches, how to clearly present the message of salvation, and



*Everyone wants to see themselves in the photo*

how to have one-on-one conversations and prayer with children who express an interest in salvation. We praise the Lord that these leaders are now better able to teach the children in their own churches, and also to follow up with the teachers in their zones (designated areas in Malawi). We look forward to seeing all of the Grace Churches in Malawi having an active children's program where the gospel truth is being clearly taught and kids are being loved.



*Sue training Sunday school teachers*

As you may recall, thanks to generous donations by some of you, we were able to provide food and some seed to some of the areas of Malawi which were hit hard by Cyclone Ana earlier in the year. These devastated people praised God for your kindness and generosity. They were told that God was caring for them through their brothers and sisters in Christ far away. May God receive all the glory for the work that only He can do. Please pray for Bill and Eric Mango as they assist in planning the logistics of getting food to those in need, especially as we get closer to the end of the year when hunger will be at its worst. Also, please pray for the economic situation overall in Malawi. Inflation has hit an alarming rate and people are starting to hold organized demonstrations (which usually include some violence) to protest the high cost of living.



*Relief effort after Cyclone Ana*

Finally, Bill and fellow missionary Givemore Nyakambiri, plan to drive to Zambia next month to teach a two-week class to the 16 students in the International Teacher Training (ITT) program. God has opened the way for everyone to travel without the extra hassle and significant expense of required covid tests. These men are being trained to be future Bible school teachers in the countries of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi, and they will complete their studies next year in May. Bill was able to teach one online class on Christian Leadership to the ITT students. Pray as he has plans to teach two more online classes before they graduate next year. His heart is set on having Sam Vinton, Jr. (his dad) contribute online from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is working on the logistics for that to happen. Praise the Lord that we're on target for reaching this goal.

Thanking God for answered prayers,

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