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Dear Partner in Ministry,

Loving greetings from Columbus, Ohio. The last time we wrote to you through this medium we were in Grand Rapids, MI, and it was cold and snowy. Now, we can hardly do without air conditioning. We trust that you are all well and enjoying the joys of summer.



Asong family enjoying an early August day

RECENT HEARTACHE

Based on our plans, we were going to be sharing with you right now through these lines the good news of the baby we were expecting. Seven years after our second child, Sammy Parker, the LORD blessed

us with another baby. We were so happy and looking forward to meeting this new addition to the family. However, it was not to be. Fourteen weeks into the pregnancy, we lost our baby through a miscarriage on Sunday morning, August 14, in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. There were no warning signs. It was an unexpected and intrusive twist of fate. As some of you may know, this is a complex kind of loss, and our grieving has been deep. We are healing slowly but surely. The LORD arranged it that this happened when we were with family in North Carolina and their support helped us a lot. Many of you have also reached out to us so generously with words of comfort and encouragement. And we know that you have been praying for us too. Thank you so much! We have felt loved and supported by the Body of Christ

here in America. **Please continue to pray that our healing will progress well and that we will find a healthy way of living with this new reality.**

AWESOME WINTER/SPRING CONFERENCES

We are deeply thankful to the

LORD for the wonderful conferences we attended in the Winter/Spring time frame. From Florida to Alabama to Nebraska/Iowa and then two whole months in the Grand Rapids area, and then to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. During our travels we met truly sweet brothers and sisters who love the LORD profoundly and cherish the gospel of His grace with all their hearts. What a blessing to meet you all and to share in the grace of our LORD together. Many of you encouraged us in many ways and have continued to support us through prayers. We take this opportunity to thank you immensely. We never take your



Princess and Parker enjoying time with their cousins in North Carolina

support for granted. It is because of your partnership that we can continue to live and serve in the country of Malawi, helping the Grace Church in Malawi so that

they will be able to train godly and competent individuals who will continue to spread and nurture the gospel of God's grace in the country and beyond.

BLESSED TIME WITH FAMILY

This year, the LORD has blessed us with a wonderful time with family here in America. One of the things we miss the most while in the mission field is our ability to see family. In ten years, we have been back to Cameroon only once. And it is not clear when next we might be able to return due to a civil war situation where we come from in Cameroon. However, the LORD has also blessed us with family here in America and it has been so refreshing spending some quality time with them. Princess and Parker especially had a great time with their cousins.

GREAT NEWS FROM MALAWI

On July 23rd, members of the leadership team of the Grace School of Home Economics graduated 18 students after the students successfully completed their studies in entrepreneurship, home manage-

ment, food and nutrition, bookkeeping and several other subjects. The great thing about this graduation is that the Malawian leaders, whom Emmanuel trained and mentored, ran the program successfully in Emmanuel's absence. We are particularly thankful for this because, as missionaries, our goal is always to train people to a place where they can successfully continue to do ministry in our absence. As these women leave school, they are thinking of ways to raise funds so they can start their own businesses in a very tough economic society. **Please pray for these women and ask that the good LORD will answer their prayers and provide for the resources that will help them start their own businesses so that they can support their homes with the basics of life. Also, pray for a successful enrollment for the next set of students who will begin studies after we return to Malawi in November. With Emmanuel going back, we are expecting to recruit a larger class.**



GMI Team Member Sylvia Nyakambiri handing a certificate to a graduate

FINAL PHASE OF OUR AMERICA MINISTRY

During the second week of September, we begin our westward journey that will take us through South Dakota, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington (Spokane, Leavenworth, Seattle, Enumclaw, and Port Orchard) and Idaho. We so look forward to seeing old and new friends! **Please pray that we will be safe, and that we will have the strength and grace from the LORD to endure the long driving hours. Also pray that we will find ways of having some fun along the way. Kindly ask the LORD to empower us to connect well with His people, share His grace with joy, and effectively promote the ministries in Malawi and missions as a whole.**

We appreciate you and your support dearly!

Joseph, Emmanuel, Princess and Sammy Parker.



Recent graduates and the Malawian Leadership Team of the Grace School of Home Economics

