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Communicating God's Transforming Grace

Dear Prayer Partners

While September 1983 was a long time ago, it stands out as a pivotal time in our memories, as it was the month we left the United States to go to France for language school. Less than a year later, in August 1984, we arrived in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or DRC), and three months after that, our first daughter was born. She'll be turning 42 this year! As we look back over our many years of serving the Lord in Africa, we are also looking ahead and preparing for a new chapter in life and ministry—living in the U.S. as retirees from overseas missionary work.

Looking back on our years as GMI missionaries to the DRC and Malawi, we remember a mix of experiences—wild adventures, exciting moments, hard work, times of learning, frightening situations, the realities of war-torn regions, long, hot sweaty days, medical scares, and deeply fulfilling, loving, frustrating, challenging, and sanctifying moments that helped us grow. Through it all, we learned to depend on God and on one another in the Body of Christ.

Over the years, we invested in many areas of ministry:

- Building relationships and forming deep, lasting friendships
- Equipping church leaders to apply Biblical truth through teaching and seminars
- Creating a school to further equip pastors beyond Bible school
- Opening a school to provide Biblical education for pastors' wives
- Helping students deepen their understanding of the Bible
- Leading women in Bible studies
- Writing curriculum that brings Bible lessons to life for children
- Showing the Jesus Film to introduce people to Christ
- Supporting people in practical and spiritual ways
- Managing accounting and resources



Looking back, we see three babies, not one!



Sue rejoiced to see the 106 chronological Bible lessons finally printed!



No longer babes...

We are deeply grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and financial support that have sustained us through these years from those of you who have partnered with us in ministry. By God's grace, and through your partnership and the power of the Holy Spirit, our work has been made possible and sustained through both challenges and joys.

Recently, Bill has been helping the Grace Church in Zambia establish Bible school programs in multiple locations and languages. When he retires from overseas missionary service, he plans to continue working with GMI twenty-five hours a week over the next four years writing new Bible school courses for use in Malawi and Zambia. He will also be revising and improving materials he has developed over the years we have spent in Africa.

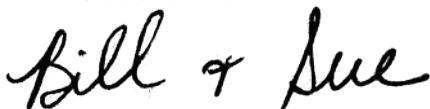
The Zambia Bible School program is currently offering two modules, which include four classes taught to over 200 students this year. Last month, Bill spent two weeks in Kabwe and Lusaka, helping teach Bible school classes, mentoring four teachers, and assisting with the program's administration. The program is supported by the Zambian Church and partially funded by GMI.

We are encouraged that over twenty-five students have come to faith in Christ through the Bible school courses over the past year, recognizing that salvation is entirely God's work and not their own effort. Many others are developing a deeper love for the Bible as they learn to apply it in their daily lives. To continue this ministry, there is an urgent need for financial support.

Over the next year, we plan to teach 22 one-week Bible school modules that cost approximately \$650 per module. This includes translating four books into two languages (\$3,300) and printing materials for 200 students (\$3,500), for a total of approximately \$21,500. If you would like to participate financially in this work, donations can be mailed to GMI or made online at www.gracem.org by selecting the "Projects" tab and searching for "Zambia and Zimbabwe Bible School."

We thank God for each of you who have walked with us through this journey and look forward with joy to what He will continue to do through these ministries in the years ahead. We would also like to commend new GMI missionaries Titu and Hlupe Chirwa to you as we leave the field of Malawi and they join the GMI team. They have impressed us with their commitment, abilities, and love for the Lord. Having been mentored by our team in Malawi, they are eager to take the message of God's grace beyond Malawi, and we are confident they will be a meaningful addition to the missionary work in Africa.

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The Grace Church in Kabwe hosted this Bible school module. Students came from several churches.



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