



Dear Prayer Partners,

One of our joys this year was celebrating our daughter Laura's marriage to Taylor Anderson. The celebration was held in North Carolina, a few months after they were married in a small ceremony in California! While we were in North Carolina, we also treasured time with our kids and grandkids, followed by a refreshing week in Grand Rapids with Bill's father and Sue's sister and brother. We thank God for safe travels during our three weeks in the U.S.

A highlight of the Bible school this year was celebrating the very first graduation of ten year-one students in Machinga, which is a predominantly Muslim area. This was a powerful testimony to God's grace at work. During one of our several other teaching trips this year, we were grateful to train two new Bible school teachers. These new teachers are part of a group of seven men preparing to join the Malawi Bible School team. With their help, we'll soon be able to accelerate the training of church leaders in the five new year-one classes recently opened. **Please pray as we continue training these new teachers and update our Bible school courses in Chichewa.**

We praise the Lord for the growth at our weekly Kids' Club at Grace Church, Chisiyo. Sue and her team launched the Evangelism Explosion (EE) Hope for Kids program with great results. After five months, seventeen kids received well-deserved prizes for confidently sharing the gospel, and many more came to Christ as they learned about God's grace. Since then, we've held two more training seminars for Sunday school teachers, led by dedicated EE volunteers whose commitment has been encouraging.

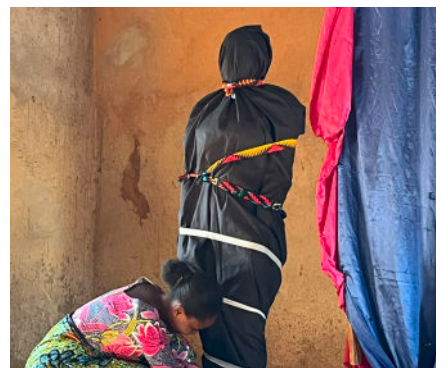
This month, Sue will begin working with Pastor Owen Mailosi, the newly elected director of children's ministry. Though new to the role and not yet experienced, we've heard promising things about him. **Please pray for his growing passion to reach children, and for Sue as she completes the chronological Sunday school curriculum.**



A quick pic after our family pickleball tournament



You'd think these Bible school students would look a bit more excited now that they're in their 3rd and final year!



The kids loved this illustration showing how sin binds us, but Jesus Christ sets us free!

We are grateful to see God's hand at work throughout Malawi. Two churches that purchased plots of land late last year have welcomed new members, and the church at Zamulire has finished its building, which will soon be strengthened with a tin roof. This is one of three tin roof projects planned this year with GMI's support. There was strong unity in the recent election of twenty-one leadership positions within the Grace Church organization in Malawi, and fifty-five pastors were encouraged and equipped during an inspiring pastors' conference. Several one-day Bible trainings for English-speaking youth took place in Lilongwe, helping to equip the next generation. A focused church membership program is also strengthening congregations. **Please pray for a peaceful government general election in Malawi on September 16, and for Sue as she prepares the year-end financial reports for GMI's ministries to submit to the Malawi government.**



These folks built this temporary structure on their new church plot, aiming for a permanent one next year.

This year, Grace Church in Zambia is boldly opening six new teaching centers, and we're excited to be part of this journey. One story that stands out is Pastor Eddie, a graduate of our International Teachers Training program. Eddie's heart burns with passion to share the Gospel of God's grace everywhere—even in the prisons of Kabwe. Just two weeks ago, Eddie and Francis traveled to Kapiri to teach two Bible school classes. There, God moved powerfully with twelve of the nineteen students making personal decisions to receive Christ as Savior and Lord after studying the course on salvation.

Please pray for this Bible school program as it reaches places where God's grace is still unfamiliar and as it strengthens believers in churches throughout Zambia. And pray for Bill as he heads next month to Mbala, in northern Zambia, to open a new teaching center and train two local teachers who will carry on this work.



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Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer and partnership. We are deeply encouraged by all that God is doing through your faithful support and the dedication of so many workers in Malawi and Zambia.

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