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Dear Prayer Partners and
Coworkers in the Ministry,

Isn't the joy of reuniting with family after a long separation wonderful? We wholeheartedly agree! This past month, we had the privilege of spending a rather brief but cherished time with two of our daughters and one of their families. But that's not all— we've also had the opportunity to visit with both of our fathers, one of whom is a newlywed! And when you include our siblings, cousins, friends, and ministry partners in the mix, you can truly appreciate why this time in the States is a real highlight for us.

The months of May, June, and July were an intense period for us in Malawi as we saw the culmination of several long-standing ministries we've been dedicated to. We are excited to share with you the wonderful manner in which God showered His grace in these events, as our purpose has been and continues to be to help Malawian leaders better understand, live, and proclaim clearly the message of God's grace.

Following years of dedicated service in Bible school and pastoral ministry, we joyfully celebrated the historic occasion of ordaining four key leaders, marking the very first ordination ceremony within the Grace Church of Malawi. As we reflect on these four pastors we praise God for His sustaining grace, which has kept them faithful and fruitful throughout our entire time in Malawi. God's grace was also evident in how their fellow pastors celebrated and embraced their ordination.



Please keep these men in your prayers as they carry out their key leadership roles in the Grace Church

With real enthusiasm, we wrapped up the International Teacher Training (ITT) program by hosting a grand graduation ceremony. This marked the culmination of our instruction of the sixth two-week module to fifteen leaders representing Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Malawi. It was only by God's grace that these men were able

to persevere through five years of travel difficulties, personal sacrifices, and the interruptions



and restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The focus of the ITT was to prepare these men to start Bible schools in their respective countries. One of our goals next year is to help them with the set-up of new Bible schools, including a computer and printer, and to also make follow-up visits. We are currently seeking to raise funds for this project which needs your prayers and support.



Please join us in prayers for the provision of the necessary funds to sustain our annual pastors' conference ministry.

Our missionary team and the theology department of the Grace church had the joy of organizing and leading the annual pastors' conference. At this event, fifty-seven pastors had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of pastoral and dispensational theology, satisfying their hunger for God's Word. These men, by God's grace, willingly made the sacrifice of costly and difficult travel to attend the conference. Additionally, the Lord graciously provided lodging facilities, enabling us all to enjoy three days of enriching fellowship, worship, and teaching.

Spending time with these pastors brought to our attention the challenges they and their families face. Consequently, we have initiated a partnership with a Malawian businessman who shares the burden of alleviating these hardships. Together, we are seeking to empower these pastors by assisting them in establishing small businesses. This endeavor aims to equip them with the necessary skills and resources to improve their families' livelihoods through proven business ventures.



Welding is one possible skill set that would be taught in this course for which we are seeking financial support.

Praise the Lord that nine churches participated in a children's teacher training seminar we conducted in June, with a focus on the message of salvation and effective methods for teaching children in Sunday school. As we move forward, please keep us in your prayers as our Malawian co-workers prepare to hold another seminar, this time for 14 churches, scheduled to begin on September 13.

Let us share another example of God's grace. Maria, a new volunteer, is joining

our team of teachers in this upcoming seminar. Maria came to a children's teacher training seminar two years ago, and her involvement during the seminar caught our attention, particularly when she did her practice teaching in front of the group. But not too long after the seminar, her husband, a Muslim, got angry about her ministry and set all her



We're excited to add Maria to our team of trainers.

materials on fire, burning everything! However, after a few months, her husband started going to church with her, repented, offered to pay for the materials he'd set fire to, and even became a Christian! We gave Maria another set of lessons and pictures, and she kept on teaching Sunday School. Fast forward to this June, Maria came to our workshop again, and she brought a friend she'd been mentoring. As the friend participated in the seminar, we could see the results of Maria's work with her! Praise God for this kind of fruit!

With genuine thanks for your partnership with us in the Lord's work,

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