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Communicating God's Transforming Grace

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*Sela teaches the younger kids each week.*



*Who doesn't love a sack race?*



*The kids' moms enjoy watching.*



*The class has really grown in numbers and things are really tight!*

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Look, we are bursting at the seams! Our children's group in the village has grown and we need a bigger meeting room. (And, yes, after spending the holidays with our daughters' families, we are also bursting at the seams!)

We split the kids into two groups but both groups are outgrowing the houses where we meet. We are learning the Bible, studying verses, singing, and playing games. We just had a test on five memory verses that were studied over several weeks and 23 children passed with flying colors. They received a small notebook, a plastic carrying case (to help keep their school stuff dry), and a sucker. **Pray for more children's workers as we still desire to start another weekly program in Lilongwe at the church where we built the playground. We need committed people.**

Thank you for praying for Sue's teaching ministry at the prison which has concluded as she was filling in the gap for five months. We have no pictures and no numbers to report, but she believes the Holy Spirit was at work and she enjoyed that opportunity for ministry.

**Pray as we begin to get the Bible stories organized on our audio players** so that we can reach a large group of believers in our churches who can't or don't like to read.



*We were grateful for good weather after a big storm blew the roof off of the house where we were meeting.*



*Lots of "extras" learned the memory verse when we studied it outdoors.*



## Trip to Grace Church at Chingo Village



What a great trip we had to the village of Chingo two weeks ago! We drove about 5½ hours from home together with Brook Seekins and Pastor Malongo and spent three days with the believers in that very beautiful part of the country. Mount Mulanje is spectacular and we've had a good rainy season so far so the whole country is green and beautiful. Sue was able to share the gospel twice with around 40 kids and youth, and Bill encouraged the believers with his preaching on Barnabas. Brook and Pastor Malongo taught several hours on the church worship service.



*She found a matching pair in "Memory"*



*"God wants to use you like he used the boy with the 5 loaves and 2 fish."*



*The kids remained quite attentive throughout a pretty thorough presentation of the gospel.*

We thank God that He continues to give us significant opportunities to share His message of grace with the Malawian people, help them grow in that grace, and then enable them to teach this wonderful message of grace to others.

**Praise the Lord for answered prayer.** We feel blessed to be working with the team of leaders elected in November for the Grace Church in Malawi. The key leaders that we'll work most closely with have a real desire to serve the Lord through serving his Church. We're thankful that the Bible School from the Phalombe-Mulanje zone will have their first graduation this March. Bill is completing his course on the book of Acts for the third-year students in Lilongwe and is excited that they are growing in their understanding of dispensational truth. Pray for the four pastors here in Lilongwe as they are facing challenges in starting their discipleship groups. Pray that they might choose their disciples well so that in the future those disciplined will be used by God to start their own groups.



We're looking forward to some great things that God will do this year in Malawi.

Thanking God for you,

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