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Grandkids sure are fun! In January we went to Charlotte, NC, where our daughter's family has recently settled, to help take care of our new grandson, Liam (3 months) and his sister, Stella (2 ½ years), as Christina returned to work full-time. Bill was expecting to spend two weeks there, however, due to bad weather and positive Covid-19 tests, his flight was postponed three times. We ended up going to Michigan while waiting for negative tests for our return flight. We are thankful for the unexpected blessing of getting to spend time with family in Michigan, as well as in North Carolina.



Bill & Sue with Aaron, Christina, Stella and Liam Brose

We arrived back in Lilongwe, Malawi on February 21 looking forward to getting back into our ministries of helping key Malawian leaders to better understand, live and proclaim the message

of God's grace. We would like you to continue to pray for the goals that we have made for January 2021-January 2024, and we're excited to share some of the progress that we've made towards these goals. Most of the people who attend the churches affiliated with Grace Ministries International in Malawi cannot speak or read English and there is very little Christian literature available in Chichewa in Malawi. One goal we have is to produce at least ten pieces of literature in Chichewa and to print 100 copies of each piece for church use by January 2024. During this family visit, Bill was able to write a Bible School class on the Holy Spirit using materials that his dad, Sam Vinton, has written. He also translated into English a small booklet written long ago by his dad in Swahili on the grace of God.

Bill has enjoyed teaching in the Bible School program, especially some of these courses which he has already written: Acts, Dispensationalism 2, Leadership 1 & 2, and Discipleship 2. His goal is to complete teaching each of these courses in each of the seven teaching centers by January 2024.

However, we have discovered that there is a shortage of courses which have not yet been written for the third year of the Bible School program. Pray for Bill as he plans to write two new Bible School courses this year.

The "International Teacher Training" program was initiated by GMI and is designed to prepare future Bible School teachers for the countries of Zambia and Zimbabwe where they plan to open new Bible School programs. This program also trains five Malawian teachers to be more effective as they teach in the seven different teaching centers in Malawi. Our goal is to teach three more two-week sessions with the ITT students in the next two years.



Men from Zimbabwe and Zambia

Bill went to Zimbabwe (Nov. 24-Dec. 5) and taught the third of six planned 50-hour modules to five students from Zimbabwe

and six from Zambia. Bill taught Advanced Ecclesiology using the book he wrote on Acts. Bill was very encouraged with the desire of these men as they wanted to learn more dispensational truth from the mid-Acts position. Several of these men have begun teaching their congregations what they have learned, and are even planning to teach in other Grace churches.



Bill teaches Advanced Ecclesiology using the Book of Acts

These modules are costly. For example, when traveling to and from Zimbabwe, eight of us had to pay a total of \$1600 for Covid tests. But we believe this is an investment that's worthwhile and we look forward to seeing how God will use these men to grow their churches with the message and life transformation that comes by the grace of God. But to bring this program to completion, we need more prayer and financial partners. If you would like to join the team supporting this ITT project, you can pray and also donate by mail or online by going to www.gracem.org and choosing Projects, then searching for

International Teacher Training. Due to the difficulty of travel that currently exists (it's almost impossible to bring these leaders from three different countries together), Bill plans to teach two or more online classes to the 19 students instead of holding the 4th session in person. This would probably entail meeting three or four times for two hour sessions as they already have a hard copy of the book that Bill wrote on Christian Leadership. He's trying to work things out for the second class so that his dad will be able to contribute online from Grand Rapids.

We were encouraged at the end of 2021 when it seemed like Bill was beginning to feel better. Pray for him as he hopes that the warm weather and better diet in Lilongwe will help him to feel better again. He was able to see his rheumatologist in Grand Rapids and get a second opinion on a diagnosis he received from another rheumatologist in South Africa. His doctor in Grand Rapids thought it best for Bill to wait on taking the complicated medication that the doctor in South Africa prescribed for him. He did not feel that it was an urgent medication to take, and it has some serious possible side effects and requires significant monitoring while on the drug. So we were very thankful

for that advice of postponing or possibly never even starting that drug.

We thank God for your faithfulness to us and to God's work in Malawi. We're personally invested in finishing the ITT program and committed to it. We pray that your prayers and giving will continue to bear much fruit.

Although this letter has focused on our goals and ministries, we also recognize that many Malawians are suffering after the destruction caused by Cyclone Ana, which devastated many areas in southern Malawi, leaving many hungry and



Damage from Cyclone Ana

homeless. The continuing heavy rains have intensified this desperate situation. If you feel led to help, you can donate to the Malawi Disaster Relief project at www.gracem.org.

Rejoicing in His grace,

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