

Joseph and Emmanuela Asong

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Missio Vibes



Dear Partner in Ministry,

It is always a joyful thing to fill you in on what the Lord is doing here in Malawi in and through our GMI team. We are able to be here and to minister because the Lord has called you along with us to partner in helping the Grace Church in Malawi train competent and godly leaders who will lead healthy churches affiliated with GMI that will impact communities for Christ. We remain deeply thankful for your partnership in the gospel!

BIBLE SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Please give praise because in March, we graduated the first five students from our first year of Chichewa Bible School in a southern village called Migowi. In June, another set of five students graduated from their first year in our English program in Lilongwe. **Please pray** that these men and two women will be more effective in their ministries and that they will continue successfully to complete the final two years of studies at Malawi Grace Bible Schools.

PROJECTS

Please give praise because after inaugurating the Lilongwe kitchen in February, the Lord provided and we were able to add a dining shed and a charcoal hut to the main kitchen building. The Lord also provided adequate equipment for the kitchen. Among many other uses, we have seen the kitchen complex serve Dr. Sam Vinton's two-week teacher-training seminar in May, our June Bible School graduation, and more than a hundred women during our annual Women's Conference in August. Another project that served the Women's Conference well was the eight-room toilet/bathroom facility that our team just completed. We began this project in 2015 and rejoice greatly that it is finally completed. Delays do not always mean denials!

HOME ECONOMICS, CATERING, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINISTRY

Emmanuela remains committed to building up women in Lilongwe through her Home Economics, Catering, and Entrepreneurship classes. Many testimonies have been registered as to how the family life of many homes has been transformed through this ministry. In November, we plan to graduate at least 45 of these women who would have spent at least one year in training. Emmanuela plans to continue to mentor these women through a support community where they will hold each other accountable for how they use the knowledge and skills acquired. **Please pray** for these future plans.

CONFERENCES AND GUESTS

Thank the Lord with us for several guests and successful ministry conferences this year: 1) We were blessed early in the year in March with the visit of GMI's Board President, Dr. Rob Renberg, and GMI's Executive Director, Jeremy Clark. 2) Dr. Sam Vinton visited in May and taught the first session of the Grace Teachers' Training program. 3) This year's annual Pastors' Conference was in July and ran for four days in the southern village of Bondo. 4) Five of our Bible School students and one other leader from Malawi attended the second session of Dr. Bill Vinton's teacher training course in July. This was held in Zambia. 5) In August, our friend from Spokane, Pastor Mark Gietz, visited and taught in two leadership conferences in the southern villages of Luchenza and Ntolongo. 6) Finally, August also saw a great session of our biennial national women's conference in Lilongwe. Emmanuela is particularly delighted in that she trained one of her students to teach a session on entrepreneurship during the conference. Tapiwa did a great job!

CAMEROON

Cameroon continues to be on our hearts, especially during this time when the people are suffocating from an ongoing Civil War between English-speaking forces and the government military. Through your support, we were able to supply 42 packets of food items and basic needs to people in Kumba. **Please pray** for an end to the war in Cameroon and for peace and justice to flow from God's Throne! **Also pray** that the Lord will continue to supply for the many people across the country who need basic survival items such as food and shelter.

We thank you again, and again for standing with and for us!

Serving with joy,

Joseph, Emmanuela, Princess, and Sammy Parker

PICTURE COLLAGE OF THE ASONGS' MINISTRIES - SEPTEMBER 2019



Area 38 - kitchen complex



Area 38 - catering students in their aprons



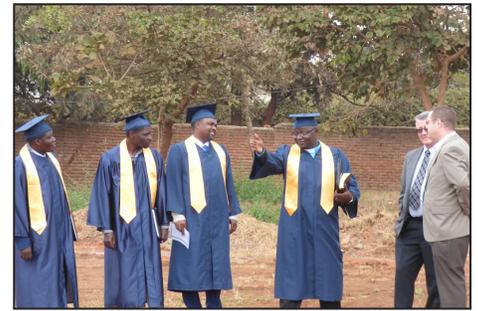
Catering at Area 38 kitchen during Lilongwe graduation



Emmanuela in action with Area 44 catering students



Completed toilet and bathroom facility in Lilongwe



Faculty catch a light moment at Lilongwe graduation



Participants at the Lilongwe graduation



GMI missionaries, faculty, and graduates at Lilongwe graduation



Five graduates at Lilongwe graduation



Graduates throw their caps after Lilongwe graduation



Five graduates at Migowi graduation



Graduates, faculty, and participants at Migowi graduation



Participants at Migowi graduation



Participants at annual pastors' conference



Joseph, Emmanuela, and Dr. Sam Vinton during the teachers' training seminar