

Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri

Equipping the church for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting — 2 Cor. 5:18-20



GIVEMORE AND SYLVIA REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S GRACE

We are reaching out to the community through evangelism and meeting some of their felt needs. Needs-oriented evangelism seeks to visit the people in their communities and share Christ with them. Grace Ministries International (GMI) desires to make sense in various settings where people are found to make a difference by impacting lives.

We are working alongside Malawian nationals to train them for these ministries. Givemore is working with Yamikani at the Area 38 church equipping him to later pastor the church alone. We are thankful to God for Pastor Phiri

who has now been restored back to this church after he humbly went through discipline. He will be of great help to Yamikani.

Pray that both Yamikani and his wife, Beatrice, continue to grow spiritually and in their bond as a family to be a good example to both the church and community at large. **Pray** as well for strength that he will be a good father to his child, Grace, and a good husband to his wife, Beatrice. He is also a church pastor as well as treasurer of the National Council. With this many hats, Yamikani manages the church property



Yamikani and family—Beatrice and Grace

at Area 38, yet he makes time to play and teach children at church. With all of this, Yamikani does not complain of too much work.

Pastor Balala did a good job encouraging the cancer patients, their parents/guardians, and the hospital staff during their time of distributing aid to the patients on Friday, March 14. Pastor Balala spoke from his heart to encourage others in the hospital because his daughter is asthmatic. Sylvia and I rush Linda to the hospital whenever Pastor Balala calls for help. He loves being involved in these hospital visits.

Our son J-Nathan Boyd is feeling better most of the time though he misses school when he experiences unbearable pain. His small body has undergone excruciating pain in recent years. From six months after his birth on December 1, 2012, he has been admitted to the hospital often. In 2016 he underwent an operation to correct issues with his right kidney. We thank God that tests show that the kidney is working well. This chemotherapy for leukemia is merciless



J-Nathan Boyd receiving chemotherapy

to his system. It often knocks him down. He confessed that, "I almost died," when we returned home after he experienced severe breathing difficulties. We failed to control our tears when he exclaimed, "JB (J-Nathan Boyd) is back!!" after saying "Amen" to his prayer. Thank you for praying for this resilient young guy who is full of faith. He keeps us laughing with his humor.

Sylvia keeps working with Mary in her ladies Bible study in a village called Mbewa. With the low levels of education in Malawi, especially for women, Sylvia did not expect these women to memorize Scripture. Contrary to her expectations, more than half of the 24 ladies memorize one Scripture verse every week. Sylvia buys them small, meaningful gifts (cups, spoons, etc.) as a way to show her appreciation for their efforts. Most of these ladies have very little to use in their kitchens. These gifts meet their needs.

After the fun of reciting Scripture, Sylvia turns to teaching tailoring. The ladies are starting off with using hand needles until a time when they can have sewing machines. Your partnership with these ladies in this regard will make it easier for Sylvia to equip them with a needed skill in a community with not even one seamstress. These ladies go to the village next to them for tailoring services. **Pray** for a provision of three sewing machines to begin with.

Givemore met with men from Grace Churches for the fourth time on Sunday, March 7. These men meet once every first Sunday of the month. Please **pray** that the excitement stays. It is an interesting group, and the discussions now are on how men can take a leading role in using the Bible in confronting diverse cultures. **Pray** too that these men willingly embrace Christianity in their day-to-day lives as well as in their marriages.



Givemore, Sylvia, and Pastor Balala handing out aid at the hospital



Sylvia and Mary ministering in Mbewa village