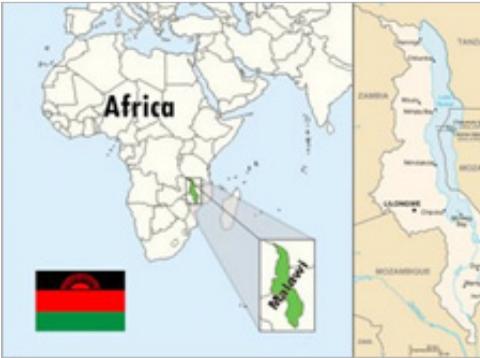


Serving in Malawi



May 2019

Greetings to all of you. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of this ministry in Malawi. Life has been full of opportunities. I thank God for all of these happenings—I would love to highlight a few. This will help you learn what is going on, how to pray, and how to praise the Lord.

The ministry in Malawi is a team effort on many levels. I thank God for the opportunity to work together with my fellow missionaries in various ways. Sometimes it means I am observing and learning. Other times it means we are teaming together to run a seminar. Other times it means relying on the support of the team to do a ministry myself. It is also an opportunity to work with national pastors on many levels. Sometimes that means meetings or church services. Other times it means planning and leading seminars, and often it means having help in translation whether of literature or verbally as I teach. Without teamwork, very little would be accomplished.

The mission team here in Malawi had a great visit with the Grace Ministries International (GMI) direc-

tor and board chairman in March. It was encouraging and a good time to discuss vision and plans. I have also been part of a committee that is pursuing registering GMI here. We spent hours working on the minute details of the constitution before submitting it for approval. We are now waiting for approval by the government here.

I have worked with Pastor Evance to write curriculum which will circulate in all of our churches here. It will help local leaders know how to better lead worship services and train members who would be part of worship teams and other parts of the service. We have taught this seminar in two areas and had others teach it in other areas. I pray this teaching will help to train people to glorify God in our worship services.

Pastor Evance was recently appointed national Youth Director. So I have started working with him to create a vision and a program that we will teach to church leaders this summer and pray that they can put it into effect in their local churches. This will lead to training youth leaders for local churches and working with



Leading a worship training seminar with Pastor Evance



Good Friday service

them to raise up the next generation of leaders in our churches. Pray for wisdom as we begin this venture.

I am still studying Chichewa 2-3 afternoons a week. Some days I feel confident that I am progressing well and other days I feel helpless to communicate my point so there is much to learn. I am thankful for the opportunity to study the Bible with my tutor in Chichewa and the opportunity to share the Gospel with her! God has worked greatly in her heart through this opportunity!

Last summer I began teaching piano lessons to several members of the local churches here in Lilongwe. As time passed, many dropped out, realizing it is not something you can learn quickly. But there are a few faithful students who have persevered. It was great to see some of the fruit of their hard work over the Easter weekend as my students worked hard to prepare and play for the services. They did a great job!

I am also thankful for the opportunity I have to teach a youth Bible study each Sunday afternoon. Though it is a small group, they are faithful and are learning a lot. We just finished a study on what we believe and are now starting a new study about "How to Study the Bible."

As an organization we have had the opportunity to help some of the churches affected by Cyclone Idai this spring. We are thankful for so many who donated to this effort. Stage One was to help buy seeds for

one area who had the opportunity to replant their fields. That was accomplished the first week of May!

In the upcoming months we will be looking at other ways we can help supply food and other basic needs to these areas as needs become greater. We have also been privileged to find supporters and to work with national church leaders to help purchase land for a couple church plants in the Lilongwe area. It is exciting to see these young churches, who were meeting in school classrooms, find their own land and start to minister to the neighborhoods around their new plots! They still have a long way to go in building up their property, but the biggest step was to buy land, as land in the city is quite expensive. We are thankful for the opportunities to help these local churches.

There are so many more opportunities each and every day, whether it is in our churches or the communities we mix with. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom to make use of each and every opportunity! We hope to do as Galatians teaches, ***"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith"*** (Gal 6:10).

By His Grace,

Brook Seekins



GMI Malawi missionaries



Sunday afternoon Bible study group
