



## December 2009 Newsletter

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.  
James 1:27

### Malawi 2009 Trip Report

How would you feel about leaving on and enduring a mission trip filled with heartache, hardship and heart tugs. Chelsea, Jalyn, Mackensey and myself departed OKC on Sunday September 27th. We left knowing Harvey was to have heart bypass surgery the day we arrived in Malawi. We left knowing my dad was very sick. We left with Chelsea having marriage on her mind, Mackensey knowing there would be three weeks of homework waiting for her when she returned and Jalyn's big heart was homesick for her family, friends and church before we ever boarded the plane in OKC. We were also hoping Chikondi (Waynetta & Harvey's Malawian Daughter ) would be able to return with us. Our hope now is next time.

Once in Malawi our reservations and accommodations were nonexistent in two of the three areas we would be working. Spiders and snakes made guest appearances and the temperature was 100 to 115 degrees Fahrenheit for the time we were there. One of our children at the Misi feeding center died of Cerebral Malaria and I had one night of some weird sickness. We were all reminded daily (day & night) that God is our strength, he is in control and we are there to join him in the work at the Great Commission Feeding Centers.

Jalyn, Mackensey, Chelsea and Chikondi did a wonderful job with the children. Their teaching with the Evangicube, singing and fellowship was great. Their relationships with the kids were immediate and the friendships will last forever. Saying that, the days were long, the work was constant, but at the end of the day we knew "God was Good!" "God is Good!"

Great Commission Missions Inc. is currently feeding approximately 800 children a day. The children attend feeding centers at Misi Village, Mfelakake Village and Kasipa Village. At each center we are looking to make improvements for the well being of the children, the working conditions for our leadership & volunteers and for us when we travel to Malawi.

Please be in prayer for GCMI and the work God has put before us.

I want to thank Mackensey, Chelsea and Jalyn for keeping their eye on the goal, despite all concerns back here at home and the obstacles Satan put before us in Malawi.

As always thank you for supporting Great Commission Missions, Inc.

God Bless You All

Donnie Dunkin

## Chikumbutso surprised



Many of you will recall Chikumbutso from a previous article where I said that he may be the next Stephen Curtis Chapman, Michael W. Smith, Phil Keaggy, and Paul Baloche all rolled into one. And that he was a self-taught musician that made his own guitar (what we would call a banjo).

The surprise for Chikumbutso Chibweza was broached when Chelsea removed the black case from the van. Needless to say he was quite happy about the gift. It did take him a little time to tune his new guitar as he was used to one with four strings.

He played for the children and the team as they all enjoyed his music, along with those who sang with him.

This gift was a donation made by Oklahoma Vintage Guitar of El Reno, OK which is owned by Bobby and Sandra Boyles. GCM and Chikumbutso would like to thank the Boyles for donating the guitar for a good cause in Malawi.

## HOPE

This is what we give some of the orphans of Malawi. There is much more we'd like to do for them but resources are very limited. So we do what we can. And the children are very appreciative of the food they do get along with the blankets and the school uniforms when resources are available.



"These chapfallen and long-suffering orphans of Malawi, most of whom have little hope of ever climbing out of the poverty chasm, always greet our teams with enthusiasm and big smiles."