



January 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

God Still Answers Prayer

In the November newsletter, we asked you to join us in prayer as we considered purchasing land for each feeding center. God answered those prayers quickly. We received a plot of land for the Mferakake Feeding Center from the Chief of the village. The people have already started burning bricks in preparation for building on the property.

We were able to purchase a piece of property from the Chief of Kasipa Village in Nkhotakota District for less than \$150 US Dollars. He also gave us another piece of property for a garden. The people will begin burning bricks after the rainy season.

Each of these centers will need a water well once the building is complete. We ask you to pray for wisdom and provision as we consider the plans and design for the buildings, as well as the funding.

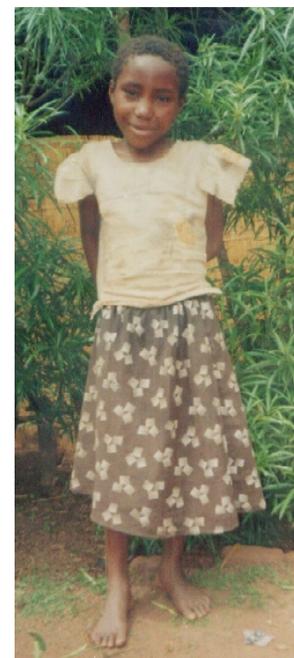
Please continue to pray for land at the Misi Feeding Center. We are asking God to work out the details regarding a large piece of land along the main road which is priced very high at this time. We will wait for God's direction.

Maria Chipelesa

Meet Maria Chipelesa. At only eight years of age this little girl travels three kilometers to get a nourishing meal provided by GCM. Her father passed away five years ago when she was three. Her mother collects fire wood from the forest to sell at Dzaleka Refugee Camp to earn her living.

From Moyonsana village where she resides it's about five kilometers to the Camp. She manages to pick one bundle per day. One bundle is almost 1.00 US Dollar. Maria, in the family of five, faces many big challenges. She does not have good clothes to wear to school. She wishes she could have a new school uniform. If she wants to wash her clothes, she has to wait till they're dry and then put them on. This routine retards her performance in class. However, she is very thankful that GCM provides nourishing food to help her in her quest to realize her full potential.

Maria is a typical child in Malawi. And it is children like her who will be future leaders. They must be given an opportunity!



Maria Chipelesa

Getting to know the workers...

Frank Malamula



Frank & Mayamiko Malamula with Janice & Desire

You've either read of, or heard us speak about Frank Malamula. We first met Frank when we established the Misi center. He was elected committee secretary at that time. Since then he's been promoted to Misi chairman and now the Malawi Coordinator overseeing all activities of the three centers. We are very thankful for the work he does for the children and GCM.

Frank has been a school teacher for a number of years and told me one time his desire was to work with children with hearing impairments. Now he proudly feeds children instead.

I remember the day he questioned me about not being able to purchase some item because the treasurer said it was not needed. I had quite a time explaining to Frank the concept of checks and balances along with having a budget. I could see exhilaration beam from his face when the light came on.

Frank is 28 years of age and married to Mayamiko and together they have three children: Janice, 8; Desire, 5; and Micah who was 9 months old this past Christmas day. You might say Micah got a little spoiled on our last trip. After all Waynetta was asked to name him so she had to spoil him some.



Micah

CHILD SUCCUMBS TO MALARIA ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

The headline is fictitious but its message is not. Children die daily in Sub-Saharan Africa due to malaria and other causes. Shortly after Christmas day little eight year old Brenda Josamu from Fomo village died from malaria while being taken to the hospital in Lilongwe. She was one of many children that come to Mferakake feeding center. The mode of transportation in those surrounding villages is normally by foot or by oxcart.

Food Shortage

Malawi is once again experiencing food shortages and high prices. Maize, their staple crop, and beans sell for more than double the normal prices when they can find it. So with the shortage and high prices many of these farmers will go without. However, Frank told me today that Misi still has some maize and Mferakake and Kasipa have rice available so they should make it to harvest and he expects the harvests to be good this year. That remains to be seen as always.