



September 2010 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

Mulungu Akudalitseni

DID YOU KNOW? The Bible mentions the word water over 700 times, and mentions water indirectly (rain, sea, flood, etc.) on the same, if not larger scale.

Apparently God see's water as an important issue. Water was important in Biblical times of old and water is important in Biblical times today.

For us water is no big deal until we have a water line break, frozen water lines, water turned off for not paying our bill, water rationing due to drought, or for any other reason. As Americans, we enjoy our good clean water and when it is not available, even if only for a short period, we tend to panic. When our water is not clean, we tend to panic. When the taste is not just right, we take steps to make it a little more pleasing.



Water is an important issue



Water used to irrigate gardens

Can you imagine no water at all or at least walking a mile or two to fetch a pail of water? Can you imagine that all the water retrieved for healthy purposes is not drinkable, but is anyway? That water came from an open bore hole, contaminated from a polluted creek or stream, maybe a cove of stagnate water infested with mosquitoes, parasites and animal droppings. That's just a mild picture of the water situation in Malawi.

Water is an important issue. Over the last six years of feeding kids in Malawi, Great Commission Missions, Inc. has been able to minister in areas beyond feeding the kids.

This past June -July Harvey and I were able to see two water wells completed at GCFC at Mfelakake Village and Kasipa Village. The wells are providing clean water suitable for drinking, cooking, washing OR just playing in it. When I say Harvey and I were able to see the water wells to completion, what I really mean to say is, we were ALL able, and we all played a part in bringing water to two villages that were in desperate need of this resource that God see's as so important.

When I mentioned water is important in Biblical times, today I was of the mind that these are those last days Biblically speaking. "Know you not that in the last days terrible times will come," 2 Timothy 3:1. For Great Commission Missions, food and water has been our invitation to share Jesus in an area of the world where terrible times exist and are getting worse. This scripture also makes reference to the fact that in the last days "people will have a form of godliness but deny his power".



Water, how sweet it is



Very thankful for GCM

I am Thankful to all of you who pray for this ministry, I am Thankful to all who can financially support this ministry; I am Thankful to all who have provided, shared and participated in any way with Great Commission Missions, Inc. You have all shared in the lives and salvation of many children and adults who were once hungry, who were once thirsty, who were once lost. I AM SO THANKFUL, BECAUSE YOUR GODLINESS IS REAL AND HIS POWER IS STRONG!!!

Mulungu Akudalitseni (God Bless You)

Donnie Dunkin

Land, equipment, materials, and labor

One can imagine that the cost of purchasing land, equipment, materials and labor here in the U.S. can become quite costly. Try to imagine the cost when working in the poorest country on earth. It is difficult to purchase the materials and equipment within, or close to, the capital city where government offices, government workers, and ambassadors cause the prices to rise.

Lilongwe is rich in dollars due to the presence of so many different embassies and officials but the funds go into government usage that either never, or in minute amounts, trickles down to the average Malawian. That's why when we purchase any goods or services; we take into account the availability of parts and labor, the upkeep and maintenance, and the sustainability of the completed project. We want to be sure the Malawians can continue using the well or other project after we are gone.

One of the requirements for this trip was that we already own, or have been donated, the land on which the wells were dug and equipment placed. GCM owns six acres of land at Kasipa. While six to ten acres at Mfelakake has been donated, we are still proceeding with the process of getting that land in GCM's name. The Village Headman at Mfelakake instructed the villagers present at the dedication ceremony for the water well to clear all the land so we could move forward with the building. As with Kasipa, there is much potential for a large garden, play area and good thatch building for the center. We are waiting on the Lord to provide the funds to move forward with these projects and a potentially really big project at Misi.

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to ALL of you who, in whatever way, support this ministry. We have many pictures like the last one with the child praying because these kids are very, very thankful for your support!

Mulungu Akudalitseni

All of us at Great Commission Missions