



## August 2011 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

### CHIKONDI'S WEDDING

Many will remember Chikondi Disi; translator, generous person, caring girl, and very good teacher at GCM Misi—all comments heard from returning teams. At age 12 her relationship with Harvey and Waynetta began in 2000 and, now at 23, since that time they have had a very special relationship. It will be very difficult for them to miss her wedding October 8 of this year. So if you would like to help them attend this wedding, you may contribute to help purchase airfare in the next two or three weeks. Also, if you would like to make a monetary gift to Chikondi and Phillip as they begin their life together, you may send it and we will get that to them. Please send a note with your donation stating the purpose of the gift.

### DANGEROUS TIMES IN MALAWI

We all know the times we live in today are not the same as the 'good ole days' that we grew up in. News headlines all over the world lead one to put more stock in eschatological issues than we once perhaps did. The economical issues facing many countries at this time are severe enough to cause legitimate concern for the future of ourselves and our children.

But in a country like Malawi where 40% of the country's income results from foreign charity organizations and governments, these are very desperate and dangerous times. Prices are raging upward, shortages are rampant and political unrest is run amok. Following are some excerpts from current news releases regarding Malawi.

**Lilongwe. (April 27)** Malawi has expelled the British ambassador after he criticised the southern African country's leadership as autocratic in a leaked diplomatic cable, a government spokesman has said.

The move defied warnings from the Foreign Office and will strain ties between Malawi and its former colonial ruler. The UK is a major aid donor to Malawi.

The Malawian government relies on foreign aid for 40% of its income, with Britain the largest donor. Finance Minister Ken Kandodo said there would have to be austerity measures but Malawi was ready to make tough decisions. We doubt that Mugabe's (Zimbabwe) friend Mutharika (Malawi) will make the tough decision to cut down the size of his Presidential palaces.

**(July 14, 2011).** Fear and tension grips the southern African state of Malawi as the nation inches towards the 20th of July, a day civil society groups have set aside to mount countrywide mass demonstrations against bad governance, lack of fuel and foreign exchange under president Bingu wa Mutharika's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP).

**(July 25)** Nineteen people were killed during two days of protests last week against the high cost of living in Malawi. Mr Mutharika deployed the army in the capital, Lilongwe, the biggest city, Blantyre, and Mzuzu in the north to quell the protests. The president accused the protesters of committing treason. "If you go back to the streets, I will smoke you out. Enough is enough," Mr Mutharika said, after naming six of the organisers in a speech to policemen.

**August 12, 2011** The Malawi government has paid all cops in the country different amounts with the lowest rank of Police Constable getting MK60,000 as a gift for doing good work, sources have confirmed.

After the July 20 nationwide demonstrations, government also rewarded the Police with increased allowances for a job well done despite the fact that Police shot dead 19 unarmed people.

**August 14, 2011** Some senior members of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) politburo are reported to have met on Thursday and Friday in Blantyre to strategize on how they could counter the planned 17 August mass protests.

Individuals that attended the meeting included those that sponsored the panga-wielding DPP cadres that terrorized Blantyre on July 19.

“They agreed to hire thugs to vandalize property belonging to these leaders and some belonging to government, including beating up innocent people in the streets in order to justify claims that the demonstrations are a danger to people’s lives and property,” said the source.

Please be praying for GCM workers, the children and all of Malawi. It's times like these that we realize the importance of not only feeding the body, but also the soul of the children and all those we come in contact with.

## **THE LORD OUR PROVIDER, JEHOVAH-JIREH**

In the last newsletter, we didn't know if the feeding centers would continue. The Lord has provided the funds we need to continue to feed the children to this point. We will continue to feed children as long as He provides. When GCM began, we told the Lord we would continue until He closed the door. The door is wide open. He has given us a vision for the future. The only thing we lack is the funds to fulfill this vision. We know He would not give us the vision if He was not going to provide a way to fulfill it. We don't know who He will use or how He will do it but we believe He will provide.

He has provided some awesome and generous people who continue to financially support this ministry. We are praying for others to join the fight for the lives of children who do not have a chance for life unless we provide food for their body and their soul.