



April 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

THE NEED IS GREAT

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. (Part of Psalm 127:1)

All of us who are involved with Great Commission Missions, Inc. know that unless the Lord provides the funds, we will not be able to feed the children or provide for other needs at the feeding centers. We also understand that the Lord usually provides through the generosity of His people. **GCM is at a critical point.** The donations have dropped drastically over the past year. Unless funds come in, we will have to close the feeding centers very soon. Our greatest need is monthly donors. But one-time givers are more than welcome also! Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's direction.

From beginning to now...



First children fed at Misi

It was on Good Friday 2006 that we were in Malawi with the purpose of starting a feeding center at Misi Village in the Dowa Region. From previous visits to Malawi, we knew how severe the food shortages were and how desperate the need was to feed children who were eating every other day, even up to four days for some, and then only small portions.

On that Good Friday, only 25 to 30 kids received a noon time meal. Today we average 750 kids being fed everyday along with Bible study, worship, recreation time and even life skills being taught as well. They are being fed at Misi, Mfelakake and Kasipa Villages. Over five years time, God expanded the territory for his work in Malawi. If you figure an average of feeding

600 kids a day, every day for 5 years, that is over 1,000,000 meals served and over 5,000 Bible lessons taught and countless lives changed of all ages; ours included.



Many parents infected with, or tested positive for, HIV/AIDS



Children praying for grace and being thankful

We have learned over the years that being fed is a concern to many children, not just orphans. We have earnestly attempted to feed many children that we call "specifically designated." In Malawi, many children exist who have parents, either one or both, that may have HIV/AIDS or have tested positive. These children have little hope of eating nutritious meals, unless provided by generous people who will partner with them. Not only will they lack food but it is well known that they will not do well in school either. For these children, this will probably be the case in Malawi for many years to come.

GCMI has been provided with land donated by Village Chiefs and put in the name of GCMI. A third plot of ground is being considered by the Malawi Government as a donation and permanent location for the purposes of feeding the children of the Misi area and providing a place for worship, instruction and outreach.

We traveled again to Malawi last June & July 2010. During this trip two water wells were dug to provide clean drinking water to the Feeding Centers. Clean water is always an issue in Malawi. The women and children may walk many kilometers for this precious commodity. Food and Water is necessary for life. By providing these essentials, GCMI is better able to share the Gospel, the story of Jesus who is necessary for Eternal Life. We do realize that these are troubled days. Troubled not only in America but around the world. Just watch TV or listen to the radio or the Internet. Information anywhere, everywhere, anytime. Saying that, when was the last time you saw, heard or read anything about Malawi.

Outside of Madonna you probably haven't.

Malawi is a small very, very poor country in Africa and for all practical purposes unrecognized in the world. Times are continually troubled in Malawi regardless of world conditions. Malawi is a wonderful part of the world with great people and a place where God is working. GCMI is honored to be part of this work.

Thank You for your continued support and being a part of the work that God has put before us in Malawi.

God Bless You