



## April 2014 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

### Instability

Malawi is suffering due to corruption and lack of a stable economy. Because of the corruption the hospitals have no medicine, police and teachers are not getting paid, and life is desperate. Presidential elections will be held in May. A couple of weeks ago several people died during a clash between political parties. Life in Malawi is very difficult especially for the people in rural villages where most people live. Sixty per cent of the people in Malawi are below the age of 24. The Great Commission Missions Feeding Centers are a lifeline for orphaned and starving children. These children have a chance to hear the Gospel and learn about a loving Father who gives them hope for tomorrow. They have unspeakable joy that comes from knowing Him. The Lord has given GCM the privilege of working with these precious children and the people of Malawi.

### Needs

We are in the process of completing buildings at two of the feeding centers so the children don't have to sit in the baking sun or rain to eat. The land was donated by chiefs and our Malawi friends are providing the labor. GCM pays for the building materials. Some other needs are blankets for the children so they don't have to sleep on the bare ground or on plastic bags they pick up where ever they find them. We would also like to provide mosquito nets to protect them from malaria and



**Kasipa**

help with school uniforms because they have to have one to go to school. It takes a lot of money to provide any of these things. Each of these items costs between \$10 - 20. You do the math. Unless the Lord opens the storehouse of peoples hearts, we cannot do any of these things. Will you join us?

### Manna for Malawi

We are starting a fund raising challenge. We would like to challenge you and your friends to provide food for one day in September. You can pick one day or several. This will give you time to plan. We would like to take a picture of the person or family who donates so we can send them to Malawi and they can see the people who are feeding them that day. It costs \$80 per day to feed the children who come to the Great Commission Missions Feeding Centers. We are praying to be able to fill all 30 days of September. Will you join us in this challenge?

## **The Dunkin's in Malawi**

The trip to Malawi in October - November was a Great Time. For Sarah it was an eye opening experience educationally but most of all spiritually. She is a changed young lady. Sarah is ready to return. But that's what Malawi... that's what God does to you when you go. Despite the hardships and heartache you may see or experience you realize the Malawians are wonderful people and the children God has placed in your path are there for a reason. As I have said many times, in all that GCM does, we do it for the Hope of Salvation. You see kids being fed, and school uniforms, blankets, water wells, medical, and building projects done not just for the physical needs but for their spiritual needs by sharing Jesus. "GO YE THEREFORE". That's the reason.

As mentioned previously, Malawi is in an economic crisis far worse than any situation it has suffered in several years. And its always difficult. For instance. There are virtually no medicines available in hospitals and clinics. Frank has reported to us that many of our kids have malaria. The hospitals can offer no medications. Not even aspirin. Fortunately and thankfully, there have been no reports of death from any of the Feeding Centers. Please, continue to pray for our kids and leadership.

The economic situation has sent the cost of goods and services of an already high to an unbelievable high. GCM does a good job of stretching the dollar (kwacha). Your continued support in prayer and finances is much needed.

The water well at Kasipa is not producing water. There is a need to drill deeper or dig / drill at a new location. A new location makes the most sense. And clean water is a definite necessity. We are so thankful that a wonderful donor has pledged to see this well come to fruition.

While in Malawi around 1000 kids a day were fed, had Bible study and recreation time. These staples in the lives of GCM Kids and Leadership has made a wonderful difference. GOD IS GOOD !!!.

We were able to visit and participate in Sunday Service at a new village and church on our last Sunday before leaving for home. There were many hungry children, as there is everywhere. Saying that, this village made a plea to GCM to consider opening a GCM Feeding Center for their children. As always, because this will require the Lord's leadership and assistance, and substantial financial resources, please make this a matter of prayer.

The work in Malawi is an ongoing mission...  
Thank You and God Bless You for participating in this mission.

## **Benefits of feeding the kids**

There are a number of benefits to feedings the kids in Malawi of which the most important is the spiritual food they receive. We will not see the benefits of this until we are in heaven. Secondly



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the nourishing meal provides them with nutrients they were not receiving prior to GCM's beginning the feeding program. Thirdly, the healthy bodies they are forming could not have been achieved without the assistance of GCM Feeding Centers. Other benefits include cheerfully playing to help make the mind more alert and the body stronger. The list could probably go on and on, but these are the primary reasons



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the kids of Malawi are doing much better thanks to all your donations.

Many of you will remember the short biography of Clever and Finisha Zagwa in the April 2008 newsletter. Both brother and sister were HIV+ and in the hospital but the HIV affected little Clever much more than his sister. He had to spend extra days in the hospital after trying to recover from a paralyzed leg. His mother had to take him home even though they never determined the cause of the paralyzed leg, which by the way was still paralyzed. She had to take him to the hospital every day to receive a special diet consisting of milk and peanut butter.

Well Clever has had a number of setbacks but today appears to be quite healthy even though he carries that HIV in his body. We thought you would enjoy an updated picture of him today and then.

Thank you for all your prayers and donations.  
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