



September 2013 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

I Am Because We Are

We of GCM have each, at various times, watched a video entitled [*I Am Because We Are*](#). It's a saying in Malawi. A video was produced with this title and put on YouTube. As Malawi is a forgotten part of the planet, it took the resources of a financially wealthy person to produce it. There also had to be a reason this person would do this, having never even heard of the country or know it's location. The person's name is Madonna. Regardless of your feelings for her, she did a truly marvelous job at revealing the Malawian culture and lifestyle. All GCM donors who feel close to Malawi or would like to feel or get closer to Malawi must watch this video. It will open your eyes and let you see for yourself the country and people of Malawi. It is a rather long video being about one and one-half hours but you will get such an indepth view of what life really is like in the "Warm Heart of Africa".

Special Delivery

We received word that a Pastor we work with in Malawi was coming to America. Godfrey Kamwendo was going to be in Orlando and then Minneapolis for a leadership conference. God provided the funds to fly him to Oklahoma for a few days to meet many who have supported Great Commission Missions and the work in Malawi. He was able to visit with many of you and share his heart about the needs in his homeland. We asked him what he thought of Americans. He said, "They have too much and waste too much." We had to admit he was right.

Many Americans fit that statement. He was overwhelmed by the amount of food we served as we gathered or the amount placed on the table when we took him to a restaurant. He could have fed MANY children in Malawi with the leftovers. We can't send those leftovers to Malawi but we could prepare less or eat out less and donate that money to feed orphans as many of you have done. Every donation no matter how small will help. Godfrey reminded us that some can go to Malawi to help spread the Gospel, some can give to help others go and to provide for the orphans, and still others can pray for those who go and for the work at the feeding centers. All of these are important. It is our job to listen to the call God has placed on our hearts to know which He is asking us to do.



Godfrey Kamwendo

We were thankful for our time with Godfrey in Oklahoma to discuss the work in Malawi. Please pray for him as he continues his training in America and as he returns home. He will also go to Montana to learn more about American farming. Pray that he will learn some techniques to take

home with him and share with others.

2013 Trip and Needs in Malawi

While Godfrey was here, we started making plans for Donnie and Sarah Dunkin's trip to Malawi next month. Our friends in Malawi are working on enlarging the building at the Kasipa feeding Center and adding a cooking room and serving window. We are praying it will be big enough for all of the children to get out of the hot sun or rain while they are eating and learning about Jesus. The well at Kasipa continues to dry up this time of year. Other workers are working on a building at Zindo Tsala Village similar to the one at Kasipa.

The harvest was very poor this season. Prices will be high and it will be difficult to find food, wood for cooking, and other supplies.

There are several things you can pray with us about at this time:

- The completion of the buildings
- A solution to Kasipa's well problem
- Funds to build toilet facilities at Kasipa and Zindo Tsala
- Enlarging the gardens
- Ongoing funding to purchase food and supplies
- Funding for this years trip

And please, remember to watch [I Am Because We Are](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KamKXZHXMUA). If this link doesn't work try: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KamKXZHXMUA>.