

## David & Pamela McCULLAGH

### MALAWI

**Location:** Lilongwe

**Mission:** Youth & Children's Ministry and Teaching

We are catching our breath after what has been a busy month in the life and work of Scripture Union of Malawi (SUM). We have held two major events that have taken a lot of planning and focused a lot of Amon Chanika's and David's time in preparing reports, logistics and facilitation. At the start of October SUM held its AGM in Kande. It was a great event attended by over 100 people from across the country. We spent time looking at what has been achieved in the past 12 months and looking ahead to 2017 and the work God is leading us into. We also had times of study in God's Word and times of fellowship around food and singing.

At the end of October we held a strategic planning meeting to look at ministry activity in the next five years. Four strategic areas were identified: (1) Biblical Engagement, (2) Disciple Making, (3) Outreach and Evangelism, and (4) a review of our governance, administration and structures. Amon will now spend time working through the detail of this and draw people around him who can help lead the movement through this process.

As we look to November, things don't really slow down! Pam plans to visit Teacher Christian Fellowship (TCF) groups to introduce the new Bible Study materials and at the same time show good practice to the staff so that they can continue introducing the Bible Study into more TCF groups in January and February.



David will be travelling down to Blantyre for various meetings and will be facilitating field staff training from 21st to 25th November in Lilongwe. During this training the staff will be thinking through what we do in children's ministry and how we could do it better in the future.

As an SU family we have been drawn to Ephesians 2 thinking about our salvation by grace and our being saved for good works, and also about our unity in the gospel. As SUM looks forward to the next five years, we desire to be faithful to God in where He is leading us in service, but also to go there as a united family in Jesus Christ.



*Photo: Attendees at the SUM AGM at Kande in early October.*

## Prayer Points

- Pray with thanks for a good AGM and a positive strategic planning meeting.
- Pray for Amon Chanika as he works through the details of the strategic plan and that he will wisely identify those who can play a key role in the process.
- Pray for the TCF groups who continue to meet each month for Bible Study and prayer and that the new resources will be used well.
- Pray that SUM will be faithful to our learning in Ephesians 2.
- Pray for good rains to fall in November so that plans can be made for planting crops for the 2017 harvest.

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