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MALAWI

Location: Lilongwe

Mission: Youth & Children's Ministry and Teaching

Winter is approaching in the Southern Hemisphere and the nights are colder and the mornings fresher. The coolness is light relief from the hot temperatures that have extended through to May. With the freshness there is a renewed energy for the work in Scripture Union of Malawi (SUM) as staff get into gear for the camps that will happen at the end of July and into August. Staff have added five new camps to the schedule, which will attract an additional 1,000 girls and boys. Teachers and campers are busy fundraising and staff are moving around to secure accommodation and the equipment needed for each camp.

Amon Chanika, our National Director, has completed his second year as a Leader in Training and has submitted all of his assignments. In September he will begin to work on his dissertation so that he can complete his Masters in Global Leadership in June 2018.

At home, Beth and Grace continue to grow and develop. Beth goes to a play group three times a week and enjoys interacting with other children. Play group will break for the winter, so we will have to be creative in keeping her busy and active. Grace has adjusted well to the cold temperatures again and has just had her immunisations, so we are happy there won't be any more for a few months! Pamela focuses all of her time on keeping our home a home, but tries to engage whenever she can in meeting with women to study and pray.

As June progresses, David will continue to develop training materials and will prepare for the delivery of



the text for the Bible reading guides. As soon as they come he will work on editing them for production. He will also be teaching at Emmanuel Teacher Training College throughout the month. This is now the fourth year that he has been teaching children's ministry to the first year students.

In all of our work recently, in focusing on materials for introducing Jesus to children and materials for helping others introduce Jesus, we have been struck by the loving nature of our God who actively seeks out the lost. In reading Luke 15 (the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son), we are called to remember that God is the God of salvation. We are simply the vessels he uses to communicate the good news of the gospel.



Photo: Bible Club teachers meeting to plan the inter-schools camp in Blantyre.

Prayer Points

- Pray for SU staff and volunteers as they plan, fundraise and prepare for the camps in July and August.
- Pray for Amon Chanika as he finishes his assignments and starts to think about his dissertation.
- Pray for the work at Emmanuel Teacher Training College and the editing that will need to be done on the daily Bible reading materials.
- Pray for us as a family as we continue in the daily routines of family life while hosting different visitors over the next few months.

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