

## David & Pamela McCULLAGH

### MALAWI

**Location:** Lilongwe

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

June has been a month of uncertainties. Within Malawian society primary school teachers have been on strike, and civil servants threatening to strike. Agreement was made with the civil servants, but the teachers went on strike for two weeks. Unhappy primary school children took to the streets and rioted and the police responded with tear gas. These scenes are becoming more common. With the teachers on strike our concern as a ministry was, not only for a fair settlement of the dispute, but also the ongoing work of Scripture Union Bible Clubs and preparations by teachers for the camps. In the midst of it all we were reminded in our daily office devotions that God is sovereign over all and we must trust in Him. Our studies in Job were an encouragement as we faced uncertain days. Job 41:11 reminds us that in every situation, 'Whatever is under the whole heaven is [God's].

Other areas of work have shifted dates. David's teaching at Emmanuel Teacher Training College has moved to August and the 150th anniversary of Scripture Union has moved to September. This gives more time for planning and preparation, but impacts ministry activities and training events later in the year.

Beth has now finished at Play Group and will move to "Big School" in August. Grace is growing and developing and is a happy little girl. Pamela continues to ensure a good home environment for our family and that our house is open to visitors. July and August will be busy with different folks coming to stay or visit.



SU Malawi isn't receiving a team from Tearfund this year, however we have received a revisit from some members of a team from 2015. John and Margaret have come for two weeks to help out with some of the Bible Clubs. This has been a great encouragement to our staff.

David will be working on the proof reading and editing of the Bible reading materials for 2018. This will be a long and tiring process. It is hoped that they will be completed and printed by the end of October.



*Photo: Children attending a Bible Club outside Lilongwe*

## Prayer Points

- Pray for a good end to the academic year as teachers focus on the final month of teaching.
- Pray for David as he works on various ministry resources and the preparation of the 2018 Bible reading materials.
- Pray for Pamela as she prepares to host visitors and for the routines of Beth and Grace with different people coming and going.
- Pray for Beth as she prepares to go to "Big School".
- Pray with thanks for continued partnership with many people around the world who support the work of SU Malawi.

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