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Location: Lilongwe

Mission: Youth & Children's Ministry and Teaching

The cold days of winter are now giving way to the warm days of spring in Lilongwe. With the new season comes new opportunities. David has finished teaching at Emmanuel Teacher Training College and has begun teaching evangelism once a week at African Bible College. He will be teaching this course through until Christmas.

At Scripture Union (SU) our staff are tidying up loose ends after the camps and getting ready for the start of the school year in late September. In our schools work, we are running a training day in October for Bible Club teachers and head teachers to help them lead their Bible Clubs well, and to ensure head teachers fully understand the work of SU.

The major event that has been consuming our time is the celebration of Scripture Union's 150th anniversary. We will hold our activities on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September. Various committees have been working hard to ensure a good programme of activities which share SU's history and future vision and glorifies God's work globally through the organisation.

It has been a busy few months at home with lots of visitors staying. September will be a bit calmer and normal routines will get back into swing with Beth being at pre-school each day. We are already experiencing daily power black-outs lasting six hours at a time and we are told it is only going to get worse!



Amidst the busyness of home and work life, it has been good to stop and learn from Acts 1. This is a passage that David has been studying as part of a weekly men's Bible study group he attends. In Act 1:11 the two men in white robes say to the disciples, this Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Our work, especially as we look towards a new academic year, is about bringing a message of hope. The Gospel is hope, because Jesus is coming back. The church's mission in the world is about bringing this good news that will lead to life eternal through Jesus Christ.



Photo: Children attending camp in August.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the camps that took place in July and August. Pray for the girls and boys who have come to faith and have committed to following Jesus.
- Pray for the various people involved in organising the 150th anniversary events on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September. Pray that all plans will come together and that the events will be God glorifying.
- Pray for teachers as they return to school and plan for the year ahead in Bible clubs.

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