



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are thankful for the opportunity to share this letter with you, our partners in ministry! Since we wrote our last prayer letter in December 2023, many things have happened in our lives. In January we were blessed with the birth of our second daughter, Amelie, who was born here in Malawi. We thank the Lord for her safe arrival and that she is healthy and thriving in every way. It's hard to believe she is already six months old. We are now a family of four and Nina is enjoying her role as big sister to Amelie.

Throughout the past six months, we have continued serving alongside our Grace Ministries International (GMI) team members in Malawi and learning from them as we assist in various ministries. We also had the opportunity to improve our English during our time here, which enabled us to share some of the teaching responsibilities with our teammates and further develop our skills in that area. Brian had the privilege of teaching at the annual pastor's conference in June, attended by around sixty pastors from across Malawi. His topic was stewardship. He also continued teaching guitar lessons, including to a young man named Jonathan—the son of one of the pastors here in Lilongwe.

Both Brian and Gloria worked alongside Brook Seekins, preparing materials for the upcoming youth conferences scheduled for this August. Brian developed some of the lessons that the leaders will share with the youth. These teachings focus on friendship and marriage, exploring how these two aspects intersect and how positive or negative friendships can impact our lives.

Brian also collaborated with Dr. Bill Vinton in a youth program for English speakers. They covered various principles related to understanding the Bible, including dispensationalism. Brian delved into the concepts of “progressive revelation,” “horizontal truth,” and “vertical truth.”

Gloria has been involved in a children's program at one of our churches in Lilongwe, with Sue Vinton. Nearly thirty kids attend every Monday, where they learn about the Word of God and engage in games with their teachers. This program has been a blessing for her.

After a year of service with the GMI team in Malawi, our time here is coming to an end. Our goal in coming to Malawi was to acclimate to the culture, climate, and people of eastern Africa in preparation for opening a new field of ministry in Mozambique with our fellow GMI team members Givemore and Sylvia Nyakambiri. Unfortunately, their son J-Nathan was



Brian and Dr. Bill Vinton giving English Bibles during the Youth Program



diagnosed with cancer for the second time in six years shortly after we arrived last summer. While he has completed cancer treatments and his health has improved, it was recently determined that he will continue to need access to the healthcare he has been receiving in Malawi into the foreseeable future and the Nyakambiri family has decided that it is in his best interest that the family remain in Malawi for the time being. With the Nyakambiri family remaining in Malawi, our plans to open a new field in Mozambique with them are also on hold.

The past year has been a unique opportunity for us to hone our ministry skills while building relationships within a larger multicultural team, and learning from their many years of experience as missionaries. While we were initially disappointed that the door had been closed to go to Mozambique at this time, we are excited that the Lord has opened another door. After several conversations with GMI Executive Director Jeremy Clark and conversations with our GMI colleague Talo Vergara in Bolivia, we feel confident that the Lord is leading us to serve alongside the Vergaras in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Kids Program where Gloria helps Sue Vinton



While Bolivia is an established field, Talo and Patty Vergara are the only GMI missionaries currently serving in Bolivia and there is an urgent need for additional missionaries to assist Talo in teaching at the Centro Biblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center). This is one of the key ministries GMI has in Bolivia as we partner with the GMI-affiliated churches in Bolivia to train and equip men and women for ministry. The plan is for Brian to teach first-year students, which will provide Talo with the opportunity to continue expanding the curriculum to add a third year of classes and accommodate more students. In addition to serving at Centro Biblico de la Gracia, Brian and Gloria will also have opportunities to be involved in various ministries in the local GMI-affiliated churches in the city of Santa Cruz.

Serving with GMI in Bolivia is a great opportunity for our family and we believe it will be a good fit for both our family and the Vergara family. Since both families are fluent in Spanish, language will not be a barrier and there are also cultural similarities between Bolivia and our home countries of Brazil and Argentina. Obtaining visas to live in Bolivia will also be an easier process as there are cooperative agreements between most South American countries. In addition, we already have a relationship with the Vergara family from our time together in Paraguay. While this transition to Bolivia will be a significant challenge for our family, we are looking forward to this new chapter in our lives as we anticipate moving to Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia in late 2024.

Our time in Africa has been a true blessing, and we will cherish the special moments and memories we have experienced here. We have made many friends and learned valuable lessons from our fellow GMI team members. While we will miss them, we are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in Bolivia.

In closing, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our partners in ministry, for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers, and for your faithful support and encouragement throughout this journey. We encourage you to continue praying for our entire family during this time of transition as we say goodbye to Africa and begin our ministry in Bolivia. Thank you all so much,

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