

focus on malawi... By Sheila Willaims

Malawi is called "The Warm Heart of Africa." It is a beautiful country with a varied landscape; mountains, valleys, plains, and lakeshores. The people are open, generous, loving, and kind. Of course, the major cities have their fair share of crime and HIV/ Aids has claimed a huge number of it's citizens, but out in the villages are some of the most wonderful people you could ever meet.

It has been several years since we were in Malawi. When British Airways stopped flying into Lilongwe (the capital city of Malawi) it became much more expensive and difficult to go there. Our last trip there was in September of 2006, but our absence has not diminished the work of GFE/Malawi one bit. In the first 6 months of 2008,

Gibson Kachaje (GFE-Malawi Director) and his team have seen over 138,600 people indicate a desire to receive Jesus as their Savior. It has always been our desire and goal for the GFE teams in each country to become fully-functioning ministries – ministries that operate daily whether we are there or not. That has certainly been the case in Malawi. Because of the support of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have been able to keep the GFE-Malawi team supplied with the funds they need to do the ministry every day. And you can see the rich fruit that investment has produced.

But, now it is time for us to visit and work with our co-laborers in Malawi once again. We will be leaving from Adamsville on September 7 and will arrive in Lilongwe on

September 10. Gibson is already working on the itinerary and we are planning on being there for 9 days. We will be preaching in markets, villages, trading centers, and in film shows at night using the "Jesus" film. We are looking forward, so much, to interacting with the people there once again. Please pray for us that the scheduling will all be well coordinated and that all the flights will leave and arrive when they are supposed to so that we don't lose any preaching days. One missed flight connection can set off a huge domino effect of problems! Pray for safety as we travel the roads there. It can be quite a rough and sometimes dangerous ride – especially at night. Also, please pray for good health and strength for the entire team. Most of all,

pray that God will prepare the hearts of those that will hear the Gospel, that He will reap a great harvest for Himself.

After we leave Malawi, we will be moving on to Kenya for another 9 days of ministry

there. We will be working out of Eldoret where Ben Bahati (GFE-Kenya Director) lives. On September 19-21 and 25-27 we will be doing field evangelism in and around Eldoret. As in Malawi, we will be doing markets, street meetings, and film shows at night. We will need lots of prayer surrounding these meeting also. It is hard, sometimes, to realize how much the prayers on THIS side of the world affect what is happening on THAT side of the world. But, when you are out there in the field, the prayers of your brothers and sisters are so important and so appreciated.

One of the main reasons we will be in Eldoret, though, is to hold a seminar for the GFE-Kenya evangelism-team members. On September 22-24 we will meet with the



Whales Banda preaching to crowd in Malawi



Gibson Sharing the Gospel with crowd



Many pray to receive Christ

team and Shad will teach on the subject "Real Faith". As Shad has said many times, if a person is going to do field evangelism, he is going to have to learn to trust God in order to survive. Our guys there know many of the basic principles of faith, but we are going to do an in-depth study with them during these sessions. We are really excited to see how God will minister to their hearts during this time. Please pray for us as we share, that we will be an encouragement and a blessing to these wonderful guys. I wish that each one of you could have a chance to just sit and talk with them, to hear the passion for the work that is in their voices, and to see the way the Lord uses them in such a mighty way out there in the markets. They may be unknowns in the "grand scheme" of things here on the earth. But, I can assure you they are well known in the halls of heaven!

We will send you a full report on the details of this campaign when we get home. Between now and then, though, please continue to pray for Shad as he comes down the home stretch on the book – or as we around the office have fondly come to call it, the "never-ending" story! I know God must really be in it, because we have had to fight so hard for uninterrupted time for him to write. It seems that the book on faith has become a "faith event" all by itself! Thank you so much for your prayers for us and for your love for this ministry. It is all of us working together that make this whole thing work. Praise God for His Wisdom in putting all of us together!

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