

Stephen & Gail Harper

Recent News

It's quite incredible to think how quickly 2022 – and now the first month of 2023 – has gone. A reminder of how fleeting our lives, and opportunities for service are.

Malawi – Feb 2023

At time of writing, my next visit to Malawi is just over 2 weeks away. It's been 5 months since I was last there for MGO, and I am eager to return. We anticipate resuming **Bible Conferences** in May (DV) and need to sort out sleeping accommodation and ablutions for 50-100 people, so there are a lot of arrangements to be made.

Children's work is a major part of what we do in Malawi, and it's vitally important that we take their safety seriously. We have asked a Christian organisation from Zambia which specialises in **Safeguarding** in an African context to come and lead a 4-day seminar, and I am looking forward to being part of this. I also hope to be able to have some further **Gospel Meetings** to follow up the encouraging meetings during MGO.

Meanwhile, the believers have been busy with **Calendar Distribution** in Malawi. I sorely miss the hands-on involvement in this but thank the Lord that this aspect work is now able to proceed without me.



Harold & Goodson with some of the volunteers who distribute our Gospel Literature

Reports & Bible Teaching

It's such a blessing to be able to meet with Christians face-to-face again. As well as helping with the local **Gospel & Ministry Meetings** at Cardy from time to time, over the past 3 or 4 months I've had the renewed joy of being able to travel to report on the work in Malawi and to help with Ministry in various places.

During January, I was glad to be back with the assembly at Orangewood Gospel Hall, Phoenix, for their annual conference, and had equally happy times with the believers in Galt & Culver City (CA), Albuquerque (NM) and the assembly at Spencer Bridge Road

(Northampton). The interest in Malawi has been really encouraging, as has the good number of young Christians attending quite a few of these meetings. I've been so encouraged to learn of a young sister seeking assembly fellowship since last weekend's conference in Northampton.

Lord willing, I am looking forward to making a long-overdue return visit to the believers in **Jordan** in March and will appreciate your prayers for help and guidance in the preparation and presentation of God's Word at these and other meetings.

Seed Sowers

We have a few Seed Sower Distributions lined up for the months ahead. The first is a return to **Londonderry** over the weekend of 22/23 April, when we hope to complete the Waterside area and other outlying villages.

MGO 2023

Provisionally, MGO 2023 will be from 7-20 August, Lord willing. We hope to build upon the success of our MGO 2022, which was extremely encouraging in so many ways. Please get in touch if you are interested in taking part in Deed Sowers and /or MGO.

Philip & Ruth

We are eagerly anticipating the wedding on 7 April. If it's hard to believe that January has already gone, it's even more difficult to take in that the wedding is barely more than 2 months away now! Please join us in praying for them as they prepare for a new life together.



Between travels, I've been trying to help Philip & Ruth get their home ready for moving in. I'm no builder, but as we say in Malawi. "Pang'onopang'ono" – Slowly, slowly!

Finally

We close with our profound thanks for all your kindness. We are so blessed by the love and fellowship of so many dear believers in various parts of the world. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We appreciate this above all else.

Stephen & Gail