

THE GILLS IN MALAWI

December 2007

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from the Gill's

Well Christmas is upon us and we have the joy of being able to spend it with Tracy's parents in South Africa thanks to someone generously paying for our flights. It is going to be odd to have a sunny Christmas day with a barbeque instead of turkey, but it will just be another new thing for us to experience this year. We truly want to thank all those who have supported us this year and helped us in so many ways, through prayers, emails, phone calls, finance, etc. We really hope you all have a great Christmas and a wonderful new year. Please don't forget to email us over the holidays.

Pray continuously

We have both been reading the 'Praying the Bible' book by Wes Campbell and it has totally transformed our prayer life. By God's grace we have been able to get back into the routine of praying together every day and we both highly recommend the book. We know that without prayer we cannot function as we should and have found the times we spend together in prayer precious as God reveals more of Himself to us. We are currently putting together a prayer wall so that we can pray for individuals as God leads so we would love you to send us a picture so we can add you to our wall. Please remember us in your prayers, we really need them. So why not just take a few minutes and pray for us now!



Its wheelie gone

Is that our tyre?

We really believe God's protection has been with us, especially when our back tyre fell off as we were driving and bounced down the road in front of us. Fortunately it happened in just the right place that we were able to get help, if it had happened coming down the mountain it could have been really bad. We also had a tyre blow out and end up in shreds and got stuck in the mud, and had to be pulled out, hit a few chickens and had a close call with a goat or two. Yes we sure have had some fun with the car but thank God for it as we couldn't live without it.

Flying Ants

So we experienced our first taste of flying ants, literally. Yes Paul & Chloe both tried some and they were not that bad, having an oily, nutty taste. Yes, they are a local delicacy here and are fried and seasoned with salt. Yum!

Hope Village Kids

Both Tracy & I have enjoyed interacting with the Hope Village kids. I sat down and read them a story about a red tractor and they totally loved it and they have asked me to come back regularly to read to them, so a great opportunity to get to know them all and to talk to them about God. Tracy has also been working on the child profiles giving her the chance to sit with the children and ask them questions. She particularly has a soft spot for a 2 year old boy who has just joined us on the village.



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Children

The kids have finished their home schooling for the year and it has been a steep learning curve for us all. They are all so excited about going to South Africa for Christmas and we think it will be a good break for them.



Sponsor a Gill for Christmas

Why spend your money on a gift that ends up on shelf and gets recycled next Christmas. Perhaps instead you could do something a little different this year and sponsor a Gill. We are still over £500 a month short of what we need to pay for home schooling and other monthly costs, so please pray and if you feel led then please help us by sponsoring us each month. Full details of how you can do this are on our website. To all those that currently sponsor, please know that we appreciate you so much and give thanks to God for you.

We had a baby tarantula in our house the other day, so next time you have a spider in your house, think of us and thank God yours aren't hairy!



www.gillsinmalawi.com

Website

We have been working hard to set up a family website and you should all be getting an invite soon to join the mailing list. Please check it out at www.gillsinmalawi.com and write on our guestbook. We hope to keep it regularly updated and as well as having a feed to the hope village blog we will also be adding our own stories as well.

Please consider telling people about our website especially if they mention an interest in missions. We also want to share with you a great website called 'www.easyfundraising.org.uk'. For those that shop online then this is the site for you. We have registered as a family 'Gillsinmalawi' and if you register also then when you shop online via this site we will receive a percentage of what you spend as a donation at no cost to yourself. Please have a look and see what you think.

Prayer Needs...

Please pray for Lauren as she works hard towards her IGCSE's, the workload is heavy and she is finding it quite a challenge. Please pray that God will help us to maintain a lifestyle of prayer and for our protection as there is a lot of spiritual activity here. Please pray that God will continue to bless our finances and that we can give testimony of our shortfall being met. Please pray that God will continue to draw us all closer together at Hope Village so that in unity we can see God's blessing poured out here.