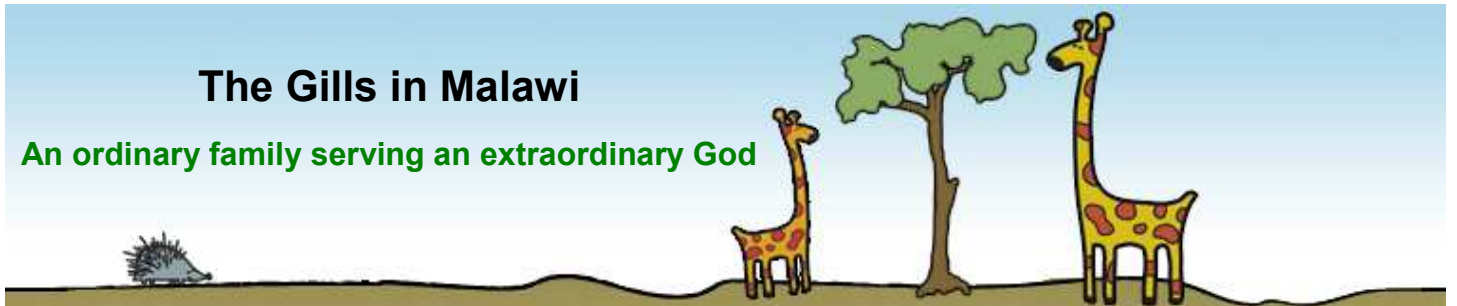


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Hello

There has been so much going on here at Hope Village and we know that this newsletter is long overdue. So grab a cup of tea, maybe a biscuit or two (a piece of fruit if your being good) and join us as we tell you about some of the things going on with the Gill family. We have had friends leave and friends come, spitting cobras, new responsibilities, good news and not so good news, many changes and many challenges, so read on to find out more....

Farewell Dennis Family

It was with many tears that we said goodbye to the Dennis Family who returned to the UK to enable their children to continue their education. It's has been a difficult time especially for the children as they have so few friends already but thanks to msn they have been able to keep in contact.

They are greatly missed but we know that they will always be a part of Hope Village.



New Responsibility

After much prayer and discussion the team has asked Paul (me) to take on the role of Team Leader the position previously held by Les. After agreement from Elim and Hope for the Nations I have accepted this position. Please pray that God will give me much wisdom, grace and anointing to serve the team in this role.



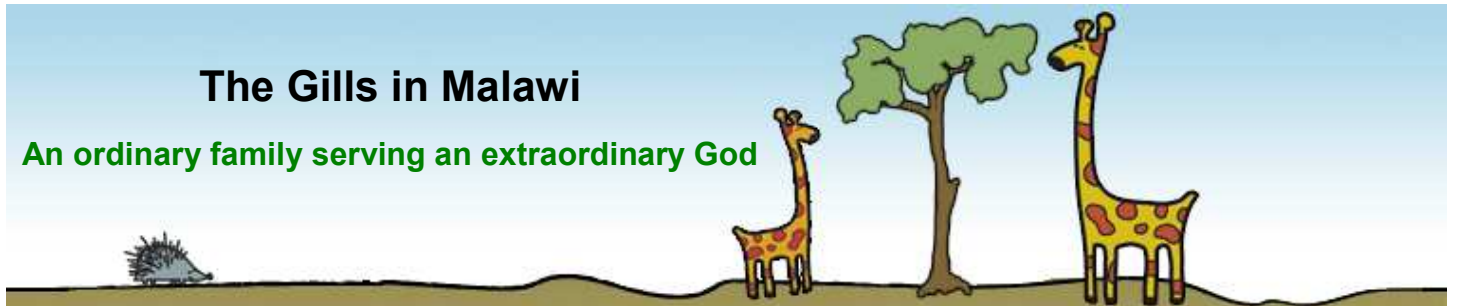
Want a good book to read. Try 'The Shack' by William P Young, it's the kind of book you just can't put down. It really is an excellent read.

New Home

We have temporarily moved into Les & Jackie's home while ours continues to be built. This has been so good for us as a family, the extra space and cooler rooms is a real blessing. Steep increases in the price of labour & materials means we will not even have enough to roof the house before the rainy season sets in. Please pray as we seek to raise finances to complete our home.

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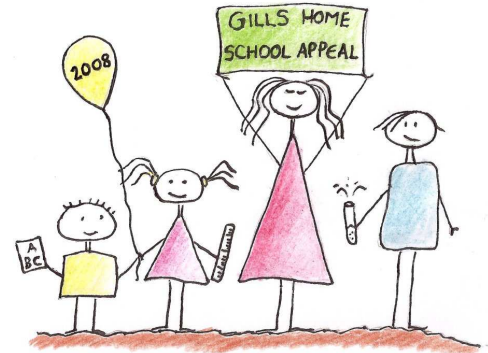
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School

The kids have started home schooling again, which is a real area that we need help in. Both of us now spend time in the morning with the children as it is too much for one person. Lauren and Joel are doing internet based learning with Northstar UK, and Lauren got great result in her end of year exams. Chloe and Benjamin are with a UK based program called Structured Home Learning who not only gave us a discount for being missionaries but have asked us to be their missionary family who they will look to support in the future. Please pray for SHL that their business will flourish.

The ongoing education of our children is important and we really need your help and your prayers. Lauren wants to return to the UK next year to do her A levels. She wants to attend a boarding school so we will try to look into seeing if we can get a scholarship.

Thanks to 'The Way' church in Peterborough who continue to contribute towards our education costs and to SHL for their support.



Please pray and if you feel led to help in anyway with our education costs please let us know, if it's paying for a school book, putting into the fund for Lauren, even coming out to help us home school! Whatever it is it will be appreciated. And most important of all to those wonderful prayer teams such as those at Rochester and Longton, thanks for your prayers, keep it up, it's a battle out here and you are our army.

Other Stuff

We had a wonderful visit from Ron and Kenten, friends of ours from America who really encouraged us and we hope to see them again next year. We love you guys!

This really is just a snap shot of things as we have so much more news to tell. To see more stories and photos check out our blog at www.gillsinmalawi.com.



Love until it hurts
then love some
more!

This is Shadreck, read all about him in the Hope Village newsletter coming out soon!

For details on how you can donate please visit the following page on our website <http://www.gillsinmalawi.com/sponsorus.htm>. And don't forget to email us, write a letter or if you are really whizzy send us a message on Facebook! We love hearing from you too and it's good to know your prayer needs so we can pray for you as well. We look forward to hearing from you. Love The Gills xxxx