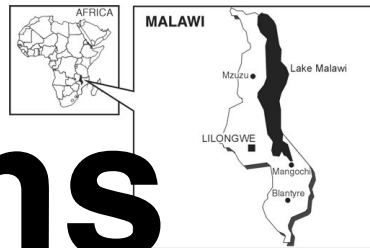


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### Sharing an Easter Tradition

As the children darted off the porch on Easter Sunday hunting for colorful eggs, I felt so joyful to be in Africa over Easter. Not because we were sharing an American tradition of a massive Easter egg hunt, as many of you were doing back home, but because I was able to serve these children a great meal and make Easter fun...something they will not soon forget. Can you hear their squeals of excitement opening the eggs, finding jellybeans, chocolate and small Kwacha coins! I remembered my own Easter egg hunts at home and I would never have imagined I would get to share it with kids from Malawi!

April is the end of hunger season- the crops aren't ready yet, food sources are running very low and people are hungry all around me. So, this day wasn't just another fun activity but a day these families that live around us will remember for a long time! Experiences like these are teaching me that JOY is a lifestyle and not just a feeling (my feelings can change so often/quickly)! Driving home I couldn't help but think about how lucky I am to be here (I still miss home) but daily my eyes are opening to a different world-one that I know I am brightening for a few! Happy Easter!

### PHOTO ALBUM



'Neighborhood' Kids



The 'AZUNGU' Dance



YL Campaigners PARTY!!!



Girls from my small group

## AZUNGU DANCE

In my 2 months of being in Malawi- I am immersed in cultural experiences daily...I have to share with you a breakthrough moment for me with the people at church! A few Sunday's ago, it was BAKE SUNDAY...meaning members of the church bring food and we hold a fundraiser (this one being for chairs to sit on during the service)! Little did I know that after the feast there was the "clash of the choirs" for lack of a better name! The youth, women and elder choirs all had prepared songs to sing while those in the congregations throw money at them. It was great entertainment until someone in the crowd gathered a substantial donation for the Azungu's (foreigners/white people) choir to sing! Who...me? Well the 4 of us that were in attendance embraced the moment and taught the congregation a silly children's song 'Father Abraham'. They paid money for us to hum the tune, to teach the youth the motions and then finally they paid for us to GET OFF the stage!!! It was a great moment of connecting with all the members of the church and having a good laugh! Still waiting on those chairs!

### **Asbury, THANK YOU!**

In the Children's Faith Zone, the month of March was "Support Sarah Adams" month- THANK YOU for all the prayers and donations! I feel so encouraged and loved. Give Christy Capps and the teachers there a BIG hug for me! I'm praying for you all!

## Ministry Update

This has been my first full month of ministry with coaching and Young Life. Soccer and field hockey are going great- we ended the term with some games against a rival team. It seems that sports for girls is a new concept and not many of the girls I coach have played before- so we have started from the beginning. The encouraging thing is they feel so important and loved that they are being coached, like the boys, and they don't have to just watch anymore! Next term, starting at the end of April, I will be coaching girls and boys in track and field! You can imagine some great potential here...just needing some direction! ***Please pray for relationships to develop as I begin to meet more youth and mentor them.***

Also, I joined a Young Life 'campaigners' or 'bible study' group of 10 Malawian girls (ages 15-18) who are so full of life and thankfully they LOVED having me. Since they have been on Easter break for the last 3 weeks from school, I have been meeting them 'out & about'. I have been to a MOVIE theater, out to eat and invited into some of their homes! ***Please pray for these relationships as they continue to grow and I begin to disciple these leaders within the school!*** Next week, I will be meeting with other youth workers to begin to work on my sports ministry into the youth groups of the 7 AEC (Africa Evangelical Church) churches around Blantyre! ***Please pray that this planning time and my introductions with the youth will all be God led!***

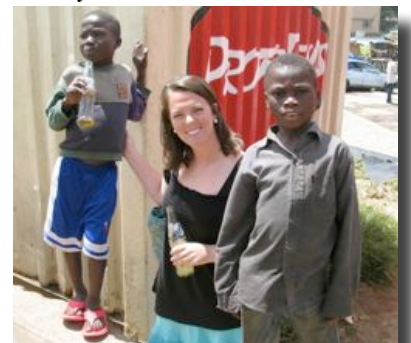
### **WHAT A BLESSING**

I have joined a small group that meets on Wednesday nights to study the bible

and share life with here! We are from all over the world and each with different organizations but called to be here in Malawi! I have developed instant friendships because of our faith in Christ but also our love for the people here! ***Please pray that we encourage each other and that our time will be fruitful!***

## Language Learning

The past few weeks I have been intensively studying Chichewa from 9am to 12pm daily! Then in the afternoon I have been able to practice with the neighborhood kids. People have been so patient in trying to understand what I'm saying but I think I learned more in the last 2 weeks than years of learning a language in the classroom! ***PLEASE PRAY that I continue to absorb as much as possible to effectively speak with so many around me! ZIKOMO!***



***Street Kids enjoying a treat!***

My friends who serve street children invited me to their church in the city. After we rounded up about 40 kids from the streets (ages 5-18) we led Sunday school and feed them a warm meal. Please join me in praying for these precious kids!

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