

Active Faith - Malawi

Mamma M is a young Yawo woman and member of her village's weekly Bible storytelling group. A few years ago when she decided to be baptised, she shared, "There's things that I want to do in my heart as a follower of Jesus, but I'm not strong enough. I need a new Spirit to give me new strength so I can fulfill what God needs of me." She was baptised along with ten others who were prompted to be baptised by her testimony and decision.

A month later, cross-cultural worker Tim noticed that Mamma M hadn't been at the group for two weeks and he, Babba W and Babba T (Yawo faith leaders) visited her in her home. There in the small hut was Mamma M with her young daughter who had been badly burnt by a pot of boiling water.

Mamma M shared with them that she initially didn't realise how bad the burns were and after it became clear, she was too scared to go to the clinic in case they thought she was a negligent mother. She was a young mother who felt scared and alone.

They prayed together and Mamma M found the courage to go with them to the clinic. The doctor told them that Mamma M's daughter would not live as the burns were serious, she had malaria, a high fever and blood poisoning. They kept praying.

In the weeks that followed, Mamma M demonstrated active faith through giving the situation to God in prayer... and walking. Every second day for the next two weeks she walked 10 kilometers to the clinic for staff to redress the wounds. Over time, her daughter began recovering and is now a healthy little girl.

Mamma M praises God for the healing of her daughter and is continuing to regularly meet with the other believers.

► Watch Mamma M's story in our short film, *In Step*: www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMMvideos

Global Interaction's Prayer Resources

We acknowledge our complete dependence on God, and the movement of His Spirit, for the continuation of this ministry. Incredibly, God invites us to partner with Him in mission and be part of His redemptive plan. Through prayer, we are aligning our hearts with His.

Hotline: A weekly e-newsletter that shares in-depth and up-to-date prayer points and stories from our ministry.

Pray Daily: Mailed and emailed quarterly with topical prayer points to empower ministry.

Just Prayer: A weekend (13 - 15 Nov) for individuals, small groups and churches to pray for the least-reached to hear the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to them.

Newsletters: Direct updates, stories and prayer points from candidates and cross-cultural workers.

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PRAY DAILY

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Thank you again for your faithful partnership with Global Interaction's ministry through prayer.

World Snippets, found at the end of each month, are short stories of God at work among the people groups our teams serve. You are welcome to use these in your church bulletin.

Page numbers refer to the 2020 Global Interaction Guide.

Pray for the Yawo of Malawi and Mozambique (pg 11)

- 1 W **Give Thanks:** For the way God is already at work among the Yawo.
- 2 T **Yawo Communities:** Pray that communities will be transformed by meeting and following Jesus in their own cultural context.
- 3 F **Provision:** Pray that God will provide the rain needed for good harvests so Yawo subsistent farming families will not go hungry.
- 4 S **Seekers:** For Yawo seekers to connect with believers who will journey with them.
- 5 S **Believers:** For believers to remain closely connected with their families and communities, enabling them to share their faith with them.
- 6 M **Faith communities:** For the faith communities to be sensitive to the Spirit's guidance as they discern how to express their faith in distinctively Yawo ways.

Pray for Global Interaction's Ministry Among the Yawo

- 7 T **Relationships:** Praise God for the long-term, authentic relationships the team is building with Yawo friends.
- 8 W **Culture and Language:** Pray for ever increasing cultural understanding and language competency so that the team can communicate the Gospel in meaningful ways.
- 9 T **Faith sharing:** Thank God for the regular opportunities the team has to share God's stories with their Yawo friends and pray for hearts to be open to hear.
- 10 F **Bible Translation Project:** That the project will continue to progress well at the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- 11 S **Community Involvement:** For the team to discern how to best use their time in a context of seemingly endless needs and opportunities.

Pray for the Cross-Cultural Team Serving Among the Yawo

- 12 S **Jean-Claude and Joyce:** Give thanks for the opportunities God is opening for Jean-Claude and Joyce to share the Gospel with their neighbours.
- 13 M ***Chris, Ornella, Venerande and Isabella:** Pray for ongoing home school teachers to support the family's ministry.
- 14 T **Jonno and Heather:** Thank God for Jonno and Heather's faithfulness and obedience to serve among the Yawo for so many years.
- 15 W ***Samuel, Caleb, Hannah, Micah and Josiah:** Pray for the family to stay connected despite living across the globe for study.
- 16 T **Tim and Melanie:** That Tim and Melanie will remain sensitive to the Spirit's leading as they journey with believers and empower local leaders.
- 17 F ***Jarred and Clayton:** For their faith in Jesus to continue to grow and mature.
- 18 S **Ben and Sam:** That their Home Assignment will refresh them physically and spiritually for another three years in Mozambique.
- 19 S ***Elizabeth, Anna and Finlay:** For each of them to grow towards Jesus and remain open to Him.
- 20 M **Cameron and Katherine:** Thank God for the opportunities they are having to share God's stories with Yawo seekers and believers.
- 21 T ***Jack, Matilda and Sydney:** Pray that the whole family will transition back to home schooling well following their Home Assignment.
- 22 W **Sally:** Praise God that Sally's house has been built and pray it will be a place of welcome and blessing for many.

- 23 T **Scott and Rebekah:** For God to place Scott and Bek in the lives of people of peace who are open to exploring who Jesus is and what that means for them.
- 24 F ***Levi, Josiah, Katelyn, Elliana and Isaac:** That the whole family will thrive in Mozambique and experience God's presence and love.
- 25 S **Tobias and Heather:** For discernment for the direction and implementation of the Mozambican Yawo Bible translation.
- 26 S ***Elijah, Rachel and Lydia:** That their cross-cultural experiences as children will shape them to be mature, empathetic and godly adults.
- 27 M **Adam and Natalie (Candidates):** For this time of preparation to be shaping Adam and Natalie for long-term cross-cultural work.
- 28 T **David and Susie (Candidates):** That God will be raising up churches and individuals to partner with David and Susie, enabling them to serve among the Yawo soon.
- 29 W **Gary and Shirley (Candidates):** Thank God for their heart to equip godly leaders and pastors in Malawi.
- 30 T **Gunther and Sarah (Candidates):** For their story of call and obedience to challenge others to seek God's leading.

**Children of the cross-cultural workers prayed for in the previous prayer point.*

