

CENTRAL AFRICAN PREACHING ACADEMY

Training pastors to study, practice, and teach God's Word



FROM PRISON TO PREACHING

About two and half years ago, my in-laws were visiting us and wanted to check out our church's prison outreach ministry. The day we went to the prison happened to be high school graduation (a government program gives inmates the opportunity to finish their education). As we were sitting down for the ceremony, I was asked to deliver the commencement address (they were thrilled to have a mzungu, a "white person," as the guest of honor).

What do you say to prisoners... in Malawi... with no notice? I told them about some of the challenges that my family had faced from my wife's cancer battle. I shared the gospel and explained that if you're a believer, then God uses trials to shape and mold your character. I recounted the stories of Joseph and Paul and how God used them while in prison.



RAPHAEL MATAKA

Several years earlier, Raphael Mataka was a merchant selling seeds. He pocketed some of the profits in hopes that his employer would not notice, but was caught and sentenced to 4 years in prison. During this time, he turned his life around.

At the beginning of this semester, Raphael approached me and introduced himself. "I'm not sure if you remember speaking at the graduation in prison," he said, "but I translated for you. What you shared that day was a great encouragement to me, that I could still serve the Lord even though I was a prisoner. That's why I'm here at CAPA today."

After completing his sentence, Raphael began serving in a church. In time, one of their branches had a pastoral vacancy and they asked Raphael if he would fill it. When a friend later told him that the person who spoke at the prison graduation had started a seminary, without hesitation Raphael applied to Central African Preaching Academy (CAPA).

All of our students have a unique story and it's amazing to see God at work in each of their lives. I invite you to read more about our students [here](#).

Humbled by the Lord at work,

Jim Ayres
President
Central African Preaching Academy

DECEMBER 2015

MEET OUR STUDENTS

Learn about testimonies, ministry plans, prayer, requests & more at capa.prayformalawi.com/students!

HELP READ PAPERS

Interested in helping CAPA students with their papers?

NT COMMENTARIES



This year we printed two commentaries from The MacArthur NT Commentary series.

GIVING INFORMATION

Online: www.tmai.org/donate

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Valencia, CA 91355-3402

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VISITING PROFESSORS



Justin McKitterick, from Grace Community Church in Jacksonville, FL, taught theology of the God, Christ, & the Holy Spirit in January.



Tim Carns, from Calvary Bible Church in Burbank, CA, taught theology of sin & salvation in February.



John Koh (and Ben Rausch), from Faith Bible Church, taught theology of the church & end times in March.



Scott Ardavanis (and David Morris), from Grace Church of the Valley in Kingsburg, CA, taught a preaching workshop in April.



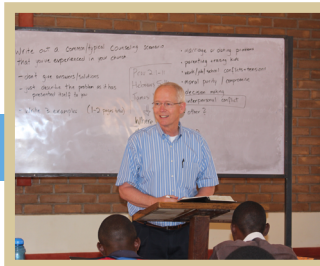
Steve Williams, from Grace Community Church of Seal Beach, CA, surveyed the Pentateuch in August.



Thomas Baber and his son Josiah, from Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bryan, TX, taught Hermeneutics in August.



Kwacha Simwaka, a Malawian graduate of TMS, came from Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA to survey the second section of the OT Historical Books in October.



Bob Whitney, from Grace Immanuel Bible Church in Jupiter, FL, taught History of Preaching and Biblical Counseling in November.



Dave Temple, also from Grace Immanuel Bible Church, co-taught Biblical Counseling with Bob and surveyed the OT Major Prophets in November.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

- A team from Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California began setting up CAPA's library in December 2014.
- A second team came from Grace Community Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and finished setting up the library in January.
- Calvary Bible Church in Burbank, California, sent a team in February to organize a Pastors' Wives Conference and also start our library expansion building project.
- Another team from Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California interviewed our students in August and put their profiles [online](http://www.capamalawi.org).

COME HELP US

If a pastor from your church would like to teach a modular class or if your church is interested in partnering with CAPA, please email info@capamalawi.org

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