

# AQUAID LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

REPORT FROM NAMISU ORPHAN VILLAGE, NEAR BLANTYRE, MALAWI, CENTRAL AFRICA



Photo by John Kang'ombe March 2004

□ The Lifeline Co-ordinator pictured with Nicholas and his Grandmother. This tiny baby, orphaned at birth, is one of the latest to benefit from **AQUAID LIFELINE'S** Infant Rescue Programme. Although almost 3 months old, Nicholas is obviously underdeveloped and malnourished. His desperately poor granny had been struggling to feed him since January but the supply of powdered milk she was able to afford was woefully inadequate. On hearing there may be some hope of help at the **AQUAID** village for Orphans, she walked the gruelling 7 km journey on rugged mountain roads, and we were able to provide fortified baby milk, soap and baby oil to keep Nicholas' tender skin healthy. He will now benefit from our weekly delivery service. Nicholas is just one of the 22 orphaned babies in our area who, without the help given by the **AQUAID LIFELINE** Infant Rescue Programme, would have little hope of life.

□ Right

Our Co-ordinator writes, "I was shocked to learn of a 20 month old baby girl who failed to survive a period of relentless poverty and consequent starvation. Her grandmother brought her for help to our orphan village too late to save her. I was determined to do all we could to prevent another similar tragic case." Mrs Dorothy Chiwaya is a widowed mother of 5 dependant children. I was delighted to employ her as our outreach worker. Her brief is to cover the 15 surrounding villages on her new bicycle, and alert our staff to any desperate situation.

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## WE GOT BY WITH HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS!

□ With a family of almost 400 needy children and 70 staff, we realised that our solar powered irrigation system, though extremely efficient, was insufficient for our needs. Our decision to drill a new borehole and hopefully use a windpump to increase our vegetable production, coincided happily with the pupils and staff of Meridian Primary School, Comberton, Cambridge, raising the wonderful sum of £1,280.00 following a talk by the **LIFELINE** Co-ordinator. This magnificent effort covered the exact cost of the installation featured on this page. We are indeed grateful for the warm hearted and generous attitude exemplified by Meridian Primary School. The funds which we would have had to find for our windpump have been used to provide simple irrigation systems for 10 rural farmers. Thank you and well done, pupils and staff of Meridian Primary School!



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□ Rain Clouds gather as dusk approaches! At 40 feet high, our new windmill can be seen for miles around. A pump has now been installed, which draws water from 40 metres below ground. We are presently building a new 10,000 litre reservoir, and we expect 8000 litres of clean fresh water to be piped daily to the site of our new vegetable field, 200 metres away.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** WITHOUT YOUR GOODWILL, WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO BRING RELIEF TO SO MANY. ON THEIR BEHALF WE THANK YOU, AND ASSURE YOU OF OUR CONTINUED BEST ATTENTION. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES, PLEASE CALL 01223 830400, OR FAX, 01223 830401