

AQUAID LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM MALAWI

A BUMPER HARVEST HOME!

This year we grew around 20 tonnes of maize on our farmland at Namisu orphan village. Every cob is shelled by hand. Tedious work, but work can be fun when you have 400 friends to help! Here are some of our children, sitting in the shade of the school verandah, learning the value of independence by helping to provide for their future needs.



Below are examples of some of our children's handiwork, completed in vocational training classes. These include carpentry, metalwork, knitting, sewing and agriculture. Our priority is to teach the orphans in our care to fend for themselves.



Here are some of a group of 20 of our most valued staff – all physically disadvantaged. Disabilities vary from blindness to immobility through loss of limbs or the effects of polio.

We provide tricycles for the lame with hand operated pedals. These cost a mere £70.00 and totally transform the quality of life for those who are immobile. Some commute more than 5 kilometres daily along rough dirt roads to work at Namisu orphan village in order to support their grateful families, most of whom are without work. We are privileged and proud to be able to offer this lifeline to these courageous people.



A present we are building a new daycare centre every 6 weeks. Here is the new centre at Mwanza where we will soon be caring for another 100 desperately needy children. Food, clothing, medical care and teaching are all provided, as well as a playground with swings, slides etc.

Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime. Here is Mr Ndalama, administrator of our project at Namarita, which is faithfully supported by Partners in Parenting, Willingham, Cambs.

Mr Ndalama feeds more than 700 needy children daily, and using his initiative, had the **Aquaid Lifeline** fishing boat made and launched on nearby Lake Chirwa. Catches have been so good that he's asking for a solar deep freeze! Once again, self sufficiency is the key.



This widow was photographed at our new daycare centre at Kambilonjo, on the Mozambique border. She is foster mother to 5 babies, orphaned in childbirth. The baby in the photo is one of almost 100 now being cared for by foster mothers, chosen and supported by **Aquaid Lifeline**. We provide food, clothing and healthcare, as well as a salary for these widows. Unfortunately, it seems that this number will continue to increase. Without our help, infants like this would be most unlikely to survive.

The **AQUAID LIFELINE** Fund offers grateful thanks for continuing magnificent support from **AQUAID U.K. Ltd.** and the many other donors, which has enabled us to rescue so many and offer hope to those who had none. For further information Tel. John Searle, **AQUAID LIFELINE** Fund Co-ordinator, on (01223) 811550