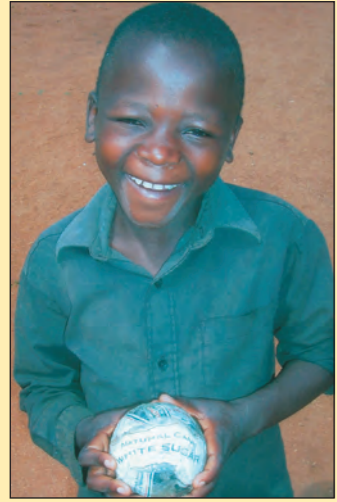


AQUAID LIFELINE FUND NEWS FROM MALAWI



Who would have guessed when Mtendere came to us as a desperately needy boy what the future held for him?

John Searle, the Lifeline Co-ordinator, writes: "After 18 years and more than 50 visits to Malawi since founding the Lifeline Fund, the time has come for me to hand over responsibility for the charity to my successor with heart-felt thanks to all who have supported us with such loyalty and commitment"

Pictured above as a 10 year old boy in 2007, Mtendere, whose name means 'Peace', is holding his football made from plastic sugar bags.



Here (right), John is pictured on his last tour in July 2016 along with Mtendere, now a fine young man who after 14 years in the care of the Lifeline Fund has been selected to study for a degree course at Chancellor College, University of Malawi. Mtendere will be following in the footsteps of many hundreds of needy children who have found hope and a future with AquAid Lifeline.



Introducing Josie Charter, our recently appointed deputy co-ordinator, who has been a regular visitor to our Malawi projects and a committed supporter since 2003. Josie brings a new dimension to the work of AquAid Lifeline and here she is on her most recent visit addressing the wide-spread problem of poor eyesight among rural Malawians, young and old.



▼ Cold winter nights in the mountains!

We have actually had credible reports of children in the Kambilonjo area dying of hypothermia due to the lack of a warm blanket.



Not all our children are blessed with perfect eyesight and many Malawian school children suffer the disadvantages of defective vision making their progress at school virtually impossible. Here is one of our school girls who has been perfectly matched with a pair of prescription spectacles sent from the UK opening the door to a brighter future.

One of the highlights of our July visit was to see the delight on the faces of our day-care orphans at Kambilonjo due to the generosity of 2 kind hearted Scottish ladies who provided the funds for 100 quality blankets. We were in no doubt that siblings would be snuggling together and sharing the warmth of Scottish kindness during the cold winter nights.



The appliance of science!

Physical science is an essential requisite for many vocational training courses in Malawi especially in the medical profession. Here, on the left, are four students at our splendid new secondary school at Namaritha, East Zomba. Although in a remote, rural area without the benefit of electricity, the school has all the facilities to open the door to any student with the desire and commitment to succeed. Our picture shows a purpose built science laboratory and all the equipment needed to conduct experiments and encourage our students to grasp a unique opportunity. We consider education to be of primary importance in the development and future prospects of those who come under the care of AquAid Lifeline.

In spite of a disappointing rainy season, which has brought hardship and acute hunger to thousands of families in the Southern region of Malawi, we are delighted to compliment our agricultural staff on the bountiful supply of quality vegetables which are grown at Namisu Children's Village. So successful has this harvest been, due to careful management and our extensive solar irrigation system, that we are now able to share our vegetables with our other centres.



Due to the critical shortage of food caused by last year's drought, hundreds of families in AquAid Centre catchment areas are presently suffering the misery of hunger. We are determined, however, that no-one who comes to us for help will be turned away and we have an extensive food aid program orchestrated by our senior staff and local chiefs. On the left is an irresistible image of some of the many children who come under our care in this way.

The AQUAID LIFELINE Fund offers grateful thanks for continuing magnificent support from COOLERAID 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) 276710 or Josie Charter on (01480) 351059 or 07827 296275