

AQUAID LIFELINE FUND

NEWS FROM MALAWI



Remember Joseph?

I'm sure many of you will recall the photo taken by John Searle (Founder of [AquAid Lifeline](#)) on the day he found Joseph by the side of the road. Poor Joseph was malnourished and suffering from a dreadful chest wound which was badly infected. Happily Joseph was welcomed into the [AquAid](#) family at our orphan village in Namisu and soon began to flourish under the care of our wonderful staff and the love and friendship of the many other resident children. Joseph settled well into his new life and enjoyed the many activities available, including a bit of guitar playing.

During the next few years, it was clear that Joseph was very good working with his hands and he went on to train as a tin-smith. Our aim at [AquAid Lifeline](#) is always to provide the education and/or skills training needed by our children to become self-sufficient by the time they leave our care and we are very proud that Joseph is earning a living and renting his own house in nearby Lunzu. We are also delighted to report that Joseph no longer lives in his house alone as he recently got married! We wish Joseph and Tawina every happiness for their future together.



'Haircut or Oil Change?'

Once our children finish their secondary education, some are selected to college and university and others choose to take one of the vocational training courses that are offered by [AquAid Lifeline](#). Here we see 3 of our girls enjoying their beauty and hairdressing course at our centre in Gomani. Also pictured are our students getting some hands-on practice during the motorbike repair and mechanics course. Great to see the girls working alongside the boys here! We wish each and every one of them huge success for their future employment.



❑ *Beautiful Babies Everywhere!*

These photographs are taken at our Namisu clinic where we run an orphan baby rescue program. Sadly, it is very common for mothers not to survive childbirth due to complications and lack of medical care. This very often leaves a grandmother or aunt to provide for the new born baby. Together, with our other centres, we support over 150 very young babies by providing lactogen milk powder, clothes and blankets. They visit for monthly health and weight checks performed by our resident nurse. One of the grannies who visited had only managed to give her granddaughter warm water for 2 days as the family had no money to buy the milk powder. Now registered on our baby rescue scheme, this child will not be hungry again and we look forward to watching her grow and thrive during the coming years.



AquAid Primary School Tops Leader Board...Again!

We are delighted to announce that, following the recent exam results, Umodzi Primary School topped the leader board in the Zomba Rural area. Pictured here are proud headmaster, Ernest Wahiya and deputy headmistress Violet Kainga. Education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty so well done to the teachers and students!

❑ Clean water in Malawi is vital and normally obtained from the local borehole which usually proves quite a social gathering point. This young boy was pictured carrying water for the house mother to use for cooking, cleaning and bathing the children. What we take completely for granted can be a challenge in rural areas where children often have to walk long distances to bring water for the family before they set off for school. This young chap was happy to stop and pose for this lovely photograph.

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