

AQUAID LIFELINE FUND NEWS FROM MALAWI

Just one of thousands of babies orphaned at birth. Tragically far too many Malawian mothers do not survive childbirth in rural areas leaving an orphan baby who will not survive due to the high cost of formula milk. At all of our centres, **AquAid Lifeline** provides for these babies by ensuring that they are fed, clothed and benefit from regular health checks.



Above, pictured at our Thyolo project are a group of volunteer guardians. Thankfully our commitment to these babies is shared by grannies, aunts and sometimes by elder sisters and together our aim is to ensure the future of these children.

Boys from the Dawn Centre for handicapped children show an eager aptitude for basket weaving, demonstrating just one of the possible outlets for their hidden talents. Pictured here is Chifundo who is proudly holding the basket he made during one of the vocational training sessions.



And Rose, one of our Dawn Centre girls, intent on learning the useful art of dressmaking. Our aim is to prepare all of our children for a life with a future.



Ian's Left Foot!

Although severely handicapped, Ian is a challenge and inspiration to all who meet him. His only means of writing is the use of his left foot which he manages by gripping a pen between his toes. In spite of this, Ian is top of his class, his work is neat and perfectly legible and his ambition is to study law. Here he is intently reading **AquAid Lifeline's** recent newsletter. We are privileged to be of assistance to him.



The Skills Training Centre at the Phillip Veale Children's Centre, Gomani, has rapidly become a thriving business concern, thanks to the oversight of Ernest who is the devoted housefather at this project. The roundabout (pictured right) is just one of many items made at the centre which include chutes, swings, netball posts, door and window frames, rocket cooking stoves etc. The goat house (background left) has been built with profits from this business and is home to five nannies and one billy (*watch this space!*). We acknowledge, with gratitude, the consistent and loyal support given to this project by members and friends of St Mary's Church, Hitchin, Herts.



And left, is one of the Gomani built roundabouts in action at the Dawn Centre with Miriam, the Matron, entertaining the children.



Not all of our children have academic aspirations. We are, however, committed to providing them with opportunities for independence. Above are girls trained as dressmakers/tailors. There is a ready market of more than 3,000 children always in need of new uniforms and this aspect of the Gomani Skills Centre has proved to be of benefit both to **AquAid Lifeline** and to the girls who have been given the opportunity of running their own business under the watchful eye of Gertrude, the Administrator of AquAid's Phillip Veale Centre.



This year hundreds of our children have enjoyed exciting educational day-trips to Malawi's National Wildlife Parks. Here a girl, from Fernandez House in Kombwe, is on the lookout for one of the many animals that roam Liwonde National Park including elephant, zebra, hippopotamus, antelope and a wide variety of primates. With thanks to the Management of City Stay, Cambridge for their generous support of Fernandez House.

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