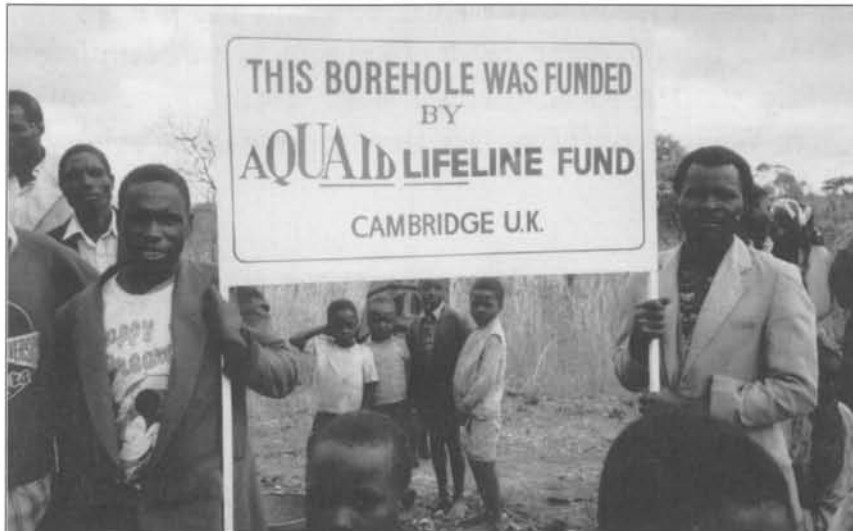


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Christmas 1999

THE AQUAID LIFELINE FUND NEWSLETTER



**THE AQUAID
LIFELINE
REACHES INTO
THE HEART OF
AFRICA!**

On 7th October 1999, our fund co-ordinator visited Mwalawoyera in the Balaka district of Malawi. His visit coincided with the arrival of a drilling rig, ordered and paid for by the Aquaid Lifeline fund, in response to the desperate need for a clean pure water supply - (see newsletter, June 1999). He witnessed the delight of the people from the surrounding villages as the drillers went to work and a fountain of water burst from the dry ground (the rig drilled to a depth of 40 metres). Below is a photographic record of this happy event, made possible because of the loyalty of our many customers.

On behalf of the people of Mwalawoyera, we offer our thanks and wish you a meaningful Christmas and a prosperous New Year



The promise is fulfilled! The water begins to flow.
There is now a pump, a filter and a washing bay on this site.

Thank you! Men, women and children show their gratitude;
their optimism is rewarded. Note water buckets in foreground!

Photos by J. R. Searle, Co-ordinator, Aquaid Lifeline Fund.

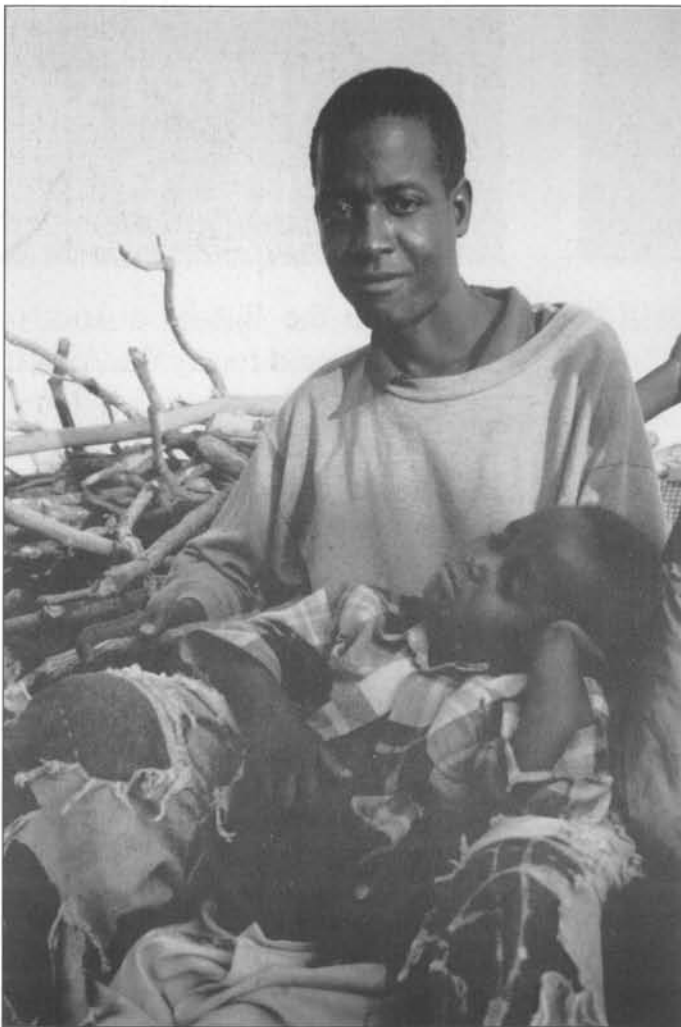
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Namisu Orphan Village

This project is well under way. The Lifeline Fund has employed 80 local people who have moulded and fired 400,000 bricks by hand! Both men and women have helped with this work, a borehole has been drilled for the village water supply, a 99 year lease has been granted for the land and we are presently obtaining estimates for the building work. To date (Oct 31st 1999), Aquaid U.K Ltd. has donated £27,000 to the Lifeline Fund and we are well on schedule to reach our target of £30,000 for the year 1999. Our aim is to complete 6 orphan houses in the year 2000, providing shelter, food, medical care, clothing, schooling and a homely environment for 70 children. We are confident that this target will be achieved, with your continued co-operation.



AT THE END OF THE DAY!

A young brickmaker, overcome by fatigue, relaxes with dad at sundown as the grown ups review the day's work and plan for tomorrow.



Two of the eight kilns of 50,000 bricks each made individually by hand at Namisu



WOMEN AT WORK!

Our aim is to bring relief and employment to this needy area. Some of these ladies will be "house mothers" in the village.

Photos by J. R. Searle, Co-ordinator, Aquaid Lifeline Fund.

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New Year 1999

Since 1992, AQUAID has donated more than £80,000 to relieve suffering and fight disease in the third world.

**Our target
for 1999
is £30,000.**

**The First
Newsletter
from the
AquAid
Lifeline
Fund**

We have enjoyed a happy association with Christian Aid over the past six years, and wish to thank them for enabling us to share in their relief work in the developing world.

It has been decided, however that the interests of our many loyal customers, and of those we seek to help would be better served by the administration of our own charitable fund. This would provide an opportunity to "adopt" a

specific area, with a view to providing safe drinking water, schooling, medical care, clothing and shelter and support for orphans.

By continued support concentrated in a selected area, we are confident that we can make a significant and lasting difference. This stimulating new development will focus on Malawi and will be known as **THE AQUAID LIFELINE FUND**



Women of Likhubula village near Blantyre, Malawi by the stream which provides washday water, bath water and drinking/cooking water. Note the washer women, the lady bathing and the water bucket.

*Photo by J.R.Searle,
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WHY MALAWI?

This central African country is one of the world's neediest regions and yet, because of the friendly and open nature of its people, Malawi is well known as "The Warm Heart of Africa". The culture is rooted in a strong sense of community and family loyalty and because of the strong bonds between relations, the extended family is a significant feature of Malawian society. Unfortunately the country suffers from all the disadvantages of poor or non existent medical care, water borne disease and lack of education. The result is a short life expectancy which of course adds to the "orphan problem". Many families, already struggling to survive, can suddenly find

themselves burdened with responsibility for the orphaned children of a relative. The result is extreme poverty and all its associated disadvantages. And yet, as in many of the world's poorest countries a little help can go a very long way. For example, the cost of a well, with filter and hand pumps is just £350! So our contribution, judiciously used, can and will make a difference.

Through our Aquaid Lifeline Fund coordinator, we have first hand knowledge of the situation in Malawi and look forward to sharing with you his personal report on the results of our efforts in our next Newsletter.



Children of the Ntorowa Region, close to the Mozambique border. The little girl on the right is aged 7, but she already bears the burden of responsibility for her brother, since they have lost both parents.

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