

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022

All Smiles at Funsani



Look at the smiles demonstrating the happiness and health of our children from the centre at Funsani. Just over-flowing with life and fun.... what more could we want?

Welcome to the Family

Our Child Welfare Officer was called to Neno police station to rescue three children who were given shelter in a cell after a good Samaritan took pity on them and asked for help. Sadly their story was not a happy one as they had been completely abandoned and left to fend for themselves in a house that was



ready to fall down around them. They waited for three days, alone, hungry and frightened before the eldest, aged only seven, decided to take his young siblings and set off in search of food. Although very weak with hunger, they managed to walk 20km before being found. As soon as they were safe, they all fell into an exhausted sleep on the concrete floor of the police cell. Happily now settled at our children's centre at Namisu, they will be able to be children again and not worry about where their next meal is coming from.



Amazing Grace!



Grace is just ten years old and has already faced many struggles in her young life after her father deserted the family and left them in a state of extreme poverty. She attends our Philip Veale centre in Gomani on a daily basis where she receives hot meals, school uniform and after school lessons in our purpose built classroom. At such a young age, Grace has to shoulder the responsibility of looking after her two young siblings after school so her mother can try to

find some casual labour to earn a few kwacha to buy food. Without the support of the Lifeline Fund, Grace's mother would not be able to afford to feed her family. Always willing to raise her hand in class, Grace is such an inspirational, bright little girl who rarely misses a lesson.....even if it means bringing an adorable passenger with her!

Laptops from the Container

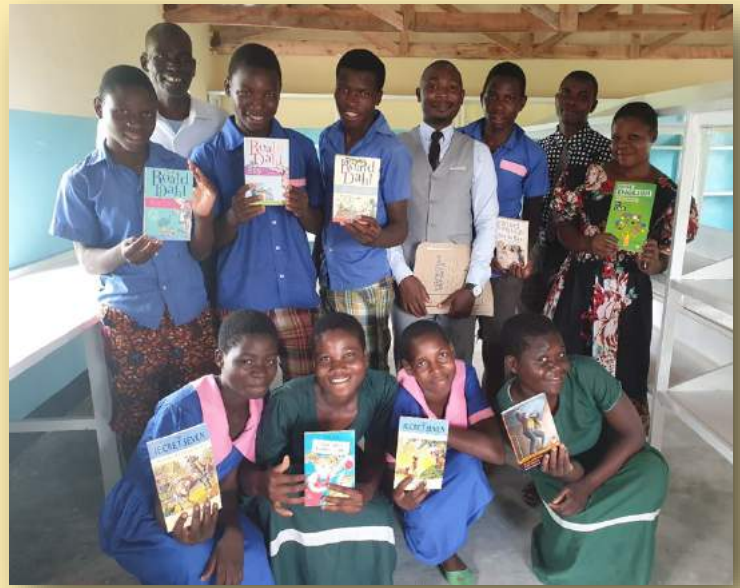
Remember the container we sent out from the UK in 2020? Well, it really is the gift that keeps on giving. Filled to the brim with useful items, the students pictured here are delighted to now have access to computers which will enable them to take their studies to the next level. We have installed an educational database which provides a huge amount of valuable learning material at their fingertips. What makes this all the more amazing is that all this new and amazing technology is powered by solar.



From Chicken Barn to Classroom!

A building at Phalombe which was previously used to house chickens has recently been converted into a classroom/library facility to assist both children under the Lifeline Fund Scholarship Program and those from the local community to improve their education. Freshly painted and with library shelves and study desks installed, it's all systems go for our excited students. We have posted two newly qualified teachers, who were also beneficiaries of the Lifeline Fund, to give the children the best opportunity possible to pass their exams with good grades.

Extra lessons will take place every day after school finishes and also on Saturdays. With education playing a key role in breaking the cycle of poverty, we look forward to seeing some rising stars from this centre!



Need a Plumber?

It was a terrific surprise to bump into Enock Thompson in Blantyre. Enock was one of the Lifeline Fund's beneficiaries after attending our Mwanza centre as a young boy. After finishing school, he decided that he would like to train as a plumber. We were very happy to support him during his course at college and even more happy to discover that he is now working in the very prestigious Crossroads Hotel in the middle of Blantyre. Well done, Enock, you're an inspiration and we're so proud of the young man you have matured into.



Hooray for Bamboo!

We are hugely encouraged by the growth of our bamboo planted just three years ago. We hope to begin cutting it next year to use as an alternative to firewood which is becoming extremely scarce due to deforestation throughout Malawi. Angus Gaisford, our General Manager, pictured above has a plan to grow enough bamboo at Namisu, our main centre which provides hot meals to over 500 children after school, so that we will no longer contribute to the destruction of valuable trees.

The Lifeline Fund is committed to sustainable initiatives and promotes education of our children to understand the impact of not taking care of the environment.



Houses for Sale!

The Dawn Centre is home to 45 children with learning or physical disabilities. It is a place of great joy and happiness and definitely the place to go should you require a dose of sunshine. The children have been very busy making little wooden houses to sell and one of these could be yours for just £20...a bargain in today's housing market! Contact Josie to choose your house....the children will be thrilled!



The Lifeline Fund offers grateful thanks for continuing, loyal support from CoolerAid UK Ltd and the many other donors whose generosity has enabled us to rescue so many children and give them hope and opportunity for their future.

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