



Our Vision: A healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi

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EDUCATION



DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD: We hosted this event at Kafutwe School on 26th September, which is the Teaching Development Centre in Chikhutu Educational Zone. The focus was to give children a 'voice' and speak out on abuse, equal opportunities and supporting children with disabilities. Wezie Gwaluka, our Education Manager organised the event very well; it was also supported by Action Aid and SOS. Children from 11 schools performed dramas, sang and danced to pass on their 'voiced' message. This included a brilliant drama by Chimphepo School mimicking a parliamentary debate on equal opportunities for children.

Top Schools performing
Right Walking to the invited guests; Social Welfare Officer; Traditional dancers



OPENING OF FUNSANI CBCC:

We opened our 10th CBCC (Community Based Childcare Centre) on 19th October. We were very pleased to have Preet Legha (Chairperson) join us for the opening. She represented Gandy's Foundation, who funded the building. The CBCC currently has 167 children registered and 6 new caregivers who are all volunteers. The volunteers have just completed training on Early Childhood Development at Sam's Training Village this month. This is our best rammed earth build to date and many people are interested in this technique for building other community buildings. They are not only ecologically friendly, but cheaper to build, quieter in the rains because of the thatched roof and cool in the hot weather because of the thatch and breathable walls. Win, win all round! Thanks to Gandy's for supporting many orphan and vulnerable children who are able to attend this facility and get nutritional porridge, along with help for their educational, physical, social and emotional development.



Above Community Leaders meeting;; Preet Legha painting the signage; Finished CBCC; Eric Munthali helping painting
Below Children in front of finished signage; N'goni dancers; Preet with Anna Kutesko at the opening; Dancers at the opening Celebration

SAM'S VILLAGE



We are now connected to solar! Our grateful thanks to Love Support Unite (LSU) for donating solar panels, generator and batteries for Sam's Village. We added 11 panels, and this new system will make a life changing facility for the Village. Our grateful thanks particularly to Bob Newton and Andy Mead from LSU who have kindly given up their time to install the system.



View from the water tower



We are putting a fence around the perimeter of the Village to stop goats from eating the plants and to add to security. We have also purchased 4 acres of land close to the Village where we can drill for much needed water. We will be growing food on this land to substitute the community contributions for the CBCC feeding programme from Feed the Children which is no longer available.



The 'Animal' Accommodation Block is nearly completed (bedrooms within blocks are named after Animals, Birds, Trees and Mountains) The outdoor kitchen with fuel saving ovens and bread oven have been installed.

From top left Transporting solar panels between blankets; Bob installing the panels; Finished panels on roof; Bread oven; 'Bird' Block; Sunset over the Reception; 'Animal' Block; Workshop through peach and paw paw



TRAINING

We held our **School Scholarship Workshops** for 43 students between August 24th to 27th. This was to support them with career choices & entrepreneurship, talks on anti-corruption, gender issues, team-building and physical and spiritual well-being. Our guest speakers were Mr. Jonathan Chisale (Anti-Corruption Bureau officer) Mr. Rocky Kaunda (an Engineer and entrepreneur) Mrs. Maria Moyo (Social worker), Miss. Angella Lwanda (an Accountant), and Mr. D. Chiyani (Landirani's CM); they were the main facilitators during the camp. Mrs. Linda Chiyani (Army Officer) led the sports sessions. There were only 3 students who couldn't attend, but the feedback from the others were very positive and if you would like to support similar workshops next year, please donate through the charity. www.africanvision.org.uk



Warming up for sports



A group discussion during the camp



Duncan Chiyani



Mr. Rocky Kaunda facilitating one of his sessions



Group of students and facilitators



LBC discussion group

We had our 6 monthly **LBC (Local Based Committee) Cluster meeting** on 26th October. This focused on 'Training' and we discussed the upcoming ECD (Early Childhood Development) Training, the Vocational Training and the Bicycle Ambulance Training. We also discussed general issues that arise and it was a great opportunity for the Centres to learn from each other.



LBC Cluster meeting

We have just finished the **ECD (Early Childhood Development) training** for all our Volunteer Caregivers at our CBCCs. Our pre-schools are very important in supporting our under 5's and need training to help them with the educational, physical, emotional and social development of these children. More on the back page.

Briquette making has started again after a short stop. Children from M'teza school are helping to make the recycled blocks which can be used as fuel. This further supports our reforestation programme in reducing the amount of firewood being burnt.



HEALTH

12 Bicycle ambulances were recalled and renovated to make 9 roadworthy ones to redistribute. Thanks to LSU (Love Support Unite) who funded 5 new bikes . These will be redistributed to new all-female committees and training will take place by the end of this year.

Maternity: We have now tapped water directly into the 3 staff houses at M’bang’ombe Clinic along with a standpipe direct to the Clinic itself which had to rely on borehole water. Renovations have been done internally to the Maternity unit and a wash area for laundry has been built at the back for people waiting to give birth. Thanks for funding from Project4Africa.

Individuals: Dickson who had the operation on his leg in May has made an amazing recovery and his shin bone has knitted together and he is now walking and back attending Kafutwe School. An amazing success! Kondwani has been supplied with a new chair for his wheelchair. Samson’s family home caught on fire accidentally and thankfully his youngest brother who was asleep inside was saved by neighbours. We have now fixed the house up and replaced the roof with a metal roof to make it safer for the future. We have also built a fuel saving oven for the mother. Farris is new to our register and she has learning difficulties and is from a very poor family. Sadly, she had been taken advantage of in the past and made pregnant; she lost her twins due to not being able to look after them. She sleeps in a hut used for a kitchen, with no door. We supplied her with a blanket and will be putting on a door and bolt, so she can protect herself at night.



Bicycle ambulances



Farris



Kondwani



Maternity



Samson’s family



Alfred Kachere

We lent Alfred Kachere money in August to set up a small shop in his village and when we went to visit it, he was doing really well. He will now start making repayments, since he is making a good profit and having to travel to Nambuma 3 times a week to get additional stock! Another brilliant success story!

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Staff of the month – Walter was made staff of the month in September for improving the grounds around the office. In October, **Wezie** was made staff of the month as she had done so well in her role as Education Manager and organising all her students and events such as the Student Workshops and Day of the African Child. Well done to all our staff who work really hard in their different roles. Congratulations to Duncan Chiyani as we celebrate him being Country Manager for a year.

We welcome 3 new guards **Chipiliro Mbiridzi** and **Ibrahim Bwanali** who joined in July and **Cosmas Mithi** who joined in October.

Lucy our lovely guard dog sadly had to be put down in September and we now have a new Alsatian puppy called **Kazula** and we will be getting a female companion for him in December.

Sadly, we lost one of our long serving LBC Chairmen. **Kingsley**, chair of Mundundu LBC had been with us since the start of the charity and sadly passed away on 22nd September. There were 5 people who attended the funeral from the office on the 23rd September. We are happy to have **Jennie Hawley** back with us in Malawi. This is her 4th time to volunteer and she is a great asset to our Educational programmes. She is working with the younger children in encouraging them to read and also gathering information on why girls drop out of school, so that we can start addressing this issue and offer more equal opportunities to girls.



Wezie



Kazula



Cosmas Mithi



Ibrahim Bwanali



Chipiliro Mbiridzi



Jennie Hawley with M’teza pre-school children



Jennie Hawley with Irene in the Library



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SONGWE VISIT BY LSU AND NIPSA733



We visited **Songwe Primary School** on 17th October and **NIPSA733** were so pleased to see the finished School Block they funded. Brilliant activities were organised to celebrate with the children. Numbers of pupils in the school have increased this year since the building was completed and it will be the first time they can be taught during the entire rainy season.



Funding for **ECD** (Early Childhood Development) Training was received from **St James Place Foundation**. The training has been taking place at Sam's Village from 6th November through to 17th. This is for all our Caregivers who are volunteers and support our 10 pre-schools. The training includes aspects covering Social, Physical, Educational developments of under 5s as well as the good operation of a CBCC (Community Based Childcare Centre) which covers co-ordinating the feeding programme and

keeping good records. Thanks to Wezie Gwaluka (Education Manager) who has put a great deal of work into making this a success.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Christmas Dinner & Dance - Saturday November 25th 2017: An exciting new fundraiser to get into the Christmas spirit exactly a month early. We are holding a Dinner & Dance at St Matthew's Primary School, Surbiton which will be transformed and filled with Christmas spirit! Also a professional photographer, raffle, silent auction and cash bar. Dance the night away with our friendly DJ, Ian Davies. A traditional 3 course Christmas meal cooked by Francis Kasozi who cooked for Desmond Tutu no less! Catering for Vegan, Vegetarian and Gluten free as well. Tickets at £40 can still be bought through the website. Click on the 'donate' button. Some concessionary tickets still remaining for people willing to help out on the night!



Francis Kasozi

Pedal Power 22nd – 31st May 2018: We are holding our first Malawi cycle challenge of 500km over 6 days with additional 2 days rest in between. It is a chance to see some amazing parts of Malawi cycling from Blantyre to Zomba then Liwonde National Park with a rest day for a safari. On to Mongochi on the lakeshore of Malawi with another rest day by the Lake, then up to Mao Mission Cultural Centre, Kuti National Park and ending up at Sam's Training Village to support or see some projects. £1,300 fully inclusive (except flights, visa and insurance) this includes a £500 donation to the charity. We shall hold it over half-term holiday dates to make it available to teachers who can then participate in School Partnerships when they arrive at Sam's Village. There are limited places and if you are interested contact Heather Palmer at heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk

Christmas music night: Will be held on **Thursday 21st December** at the **Royal Oak, New Malden** organised by Will Hutton. Starts at 7pm with mince pies and mulled wine followed by music, raffle and fun!

The **'Big Splash'** was an event organised by Sara Butterfield who is linked with Twickenham Preparatory School in September and raised £600 for their partnership school Songwe Primary.

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If you would like to organise a challenge or fundraiser, you can now do this directly from our website or please make contact with us and we will support you as much as we can!