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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continuing generous support, either through regular monthly support for our Sponsorship programmes or as one off gifts. Hard to imagine in the heat of recent hot months in parts of the UK, that in Malawi, June and July were cold. As winter arrives in the UK you can imagine the delight and difference that the gift of blankets MOF was able to fund, made to the children and adults at Home of Hope. Teaching staff noticed how much more rested the students were in class, enabling more effective learning. Zikomo! Thanks to your support, children at Home of Hope are not only fed, kept warm clothed, loved and safe - they are learning, growing, and discovering what's possible We want to share stories with you that show the long term fruit of your support. Our hope is that this update encourages you, as you are a vital part of this journey.

Matsidiso

23 years ago, Matsidiso came to Home of Hope as a baby. Supporters paid for formula milk and later food as she grew up going to Primary School. Equipment and exam fees were provided through Secondary School and she gained the results to go to study at Mwimba College of Agriculture . As part of a trustee visit she was given a laptop and phone. Monthly support paid her rent and upkeep during her studies. In April this year she graduated and, unable to find immediate employment, returned home to the only family she has known at Home of Hope, where she is sharing her up to date knowledge and expertise to help yield more from crops. This has included identifying the areas of the farm which are most suitable to grow maize and timing of planting of vegetables so these are ready for the return of students as term restarts on 14th September.

Joseph

Another student, Joseph, after graduating from Malawi University of Business and Applied Science, expresses the sense of family support that makes Home of Hope such a special place. Writing to Linda, he says, " Mama, I did it. I walked that stage as a graduate because you refused to let me walk alone. From the gates of Home of Hope to the doors of University, you have been my anchor. You weren't just part of the management but you were my mother. Your work broke barriers for me. Your love healed places I never told anyone about...You, Rev Chipeta, and the whole Home of Hope family saw an orphan and chose to believe in his future. You gave me free education, but more than that, you gave me family."

Can you help?

Could your class sponsor a school desk in Malawi?

The Home of Hope, supported by a Bedford based charity, offers all through schooling for over 700 vulnerable children in the west of Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world.

Fundraising

It is your generosity that has enabled the wonderful team in Malawi to provide all that is needed to radically change life chances of hundreds of children and young people. Can you raise extra funds through hosting a cake sale or taking part in a sponsored event? Do you have contacts with businesses who would be interested in supporting specific or general needs at Home of Hope? Are you part of a school or youth group who could raise funds to buy more desks for the classrooms?

School Exam Results

Recent exam results are encouraging, with a 95% pass rate at the end of Primary School, which enables pupils to progress to Secondary, as well as excellent results at the end of Secondary in Form 4. For girls, the ongoing work of the dedicated staff at Protection For Education, enables them to attend classes every day of the month. As more young people benefit from the education, healthcare, and nutrition provided at the Home of Hope, more are achieving the grades needed to take this next step. We are currently supporting 44 former students through university. For students who are more practical than academic, the Vocational Training Centre helps young people learn valuable skills such as carpentry, bricklaying, tailoring, and metal fabrication. Home of Hope management is hopeful that, due to improvements in toilets, the Malawian Government will provide qualified tutors and cover their salaries from September. This is a big step forward in raising the standard of training and strengthening future opportunities for students. There is a current need for new school uniforms. £5 will buy a uniform for 1 child.

Christmas Gifts

If you an early Christmas shopper, please consider buying “a Solar Panel” for friends or family to be used in the Office and the Clinic at Home of Home. Other positive news is that the recent maize harvest was good and should feed the children for many months. Such wonderful signs of progress - and this continues to rely on your support. From infancy...to education...to independence... So many life chances being transformed. Together, as donors and supporters, we are helping children not just grow - but truly thrive, so once again Zikomo from at Home of Hope and thank-you from MOF.

A Trustees trip in the Summer 2027 Trip to Home of Hope is currently being planned.

As always donations can be made to Malawi Orphan Fund.
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