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Anglican Project

Last year we were approached by the Youth Department of the Southern Diocese of the Anglican Church in Malawi to instruct their youth in percussion drilling techniques and to assist in installing some 70 boreholes in their rural villages.

We received funding for 20 boreholes and pumps from two Christian charities namely, Malawi Association for Christian Support (MACS) and Christian African Relief Trust (CART) totalling between them some £9500.00. A further 4 boreholes for the project totalling some £1900.00 was funded by Seed Sowers. Here in the UK we have had generous support from Teignflex in Heathfield who have supplied free all the component plastic fittings for the pumps, Ashburton Steelworks who have done the steel manufacture for the pumps at cost price, Peter Tanner, Totnes who has helped us with all our turning requirements and Johnsons of Buckfastleigh who have supported with supplying the maintenance tools required for the installed pumps in Malawi at cost price.

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Due to the adverse weather conditions the drilling programme could not start until June. They have attempted to drill 18 boreholes with 8 being completed. Five of the 10 have been 'capped' and will be revisited after the rainy season has ended. Some had to be abandoned due to salinity problems, and others due to sandy soils causing the collapse of the boreholes. In the area where we have encountered salinity the drilling needs to go to a depth of 45 metres or more to reach a clearer water table. With our manual drilling technique, we can only reach a depth of 20 metres. We are currently trying to raise funding for a drilling contractor to drill boreholes for us to the required depth with Seed Sowers supplying all the necessary pump and materials and civil works. This we hope can be completed in the Spring next year.

Drilling operations on this project have now been halted for this year due to the onset of the rainy season.

The Anglican Project-cont.



St James Anglican Church



Kapiza village



Mtenga village



Zamanemba village

The eight villages that have completed boreholes are:-

- 1 Kapiza
- 2 Mtenga
- 3 Kapyepye
- 4 Zamanemba
- 5 Jekemu
- 6 ditto
- 7 Semu
- 8 Linjidzi (St James Anglican Church) the first to be drilled

Anglican Project –continued

The villages that have to be revisited are:-

- Olivala
- Kabuthu
- Jekemu
- Kapyepe
- Semu



Kapyepe village (Awaiting completion)



Experimenting with a new locally manufactured pump in the Anglican Project



Lundu Baby Clinic



Baby Clinic at Lundu Health Centre

During the year we replaced a vital solar pump that was stolen from the Lundu Health Centre. We have been asked by the chair of the Health Centre whether we can assist in the refurbishment of the Baby Clinic there. There are increased cases of pneumonia and URTIs (Upper Respiratory Tract Infections) especially in the under five children. The situation has been caused because the Baby Clinic is not in a good condition. The floor has completely worn away and the mothers and their babies have to sit on the floor in the dust which is now present. This makes the children prone to infections especially Pneumonia, URTIs and diarrhoea. To remedy this a new concrete floor and brick built seating will be built so that the mothers and their children can sit in a clean environment.

The trustees of Seed Sowers Trust have agreed to fund the £800.00 to carry out these improvements.

Kudyere Community Water Project

The Kudyere Water Project is a wonderful project organised by the community themselves and is a wonderful example of a self-help programme. The community has organised and raised funding amongst themselves to build a reservoir. Seed Sowers have provided transport and piping to transport water from perennial springs up in the Mpaka Hills 3 kilometres away as part of a scheme to bring piped water to over 500 households. All the plumbing supplies and labour they, themselves, have supplied and funded. They have asked us to supply some of the piping to hurry the project along. We are in the process of supplying further piping in the near future.

Prison Ministry

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions this ministry has come to a halt. However, the Ministry team are still consulted with regard to the welfare of the women inmates. The women inmates of the prison have been transferred to other prisons and others released to make room for a quarantine section for suspect Covid victims.

The Ministry has done follow up visits to those released inmates to provide counselling and to help guide them in start-up businesses.

As the Covid situation has developed Agnes Mkoko and her Womens Sewing team have been producing reusable masks for the Njuli Primary School and for the Chichiri and Ntcheu Prisons.



Some of the masks made by Agnes Mkoko and her women's Sewing Team for Njuli Primary School and Chichiri and Ntcheu prisons

News from 'Agape' by Fletcher Kaiya

REPORT ON AGAPE STUDENTS, NOVEMBER 2021

The Agape students are doing well given the circumstances under which some of them find themselves. Agape is still a success story though not quite as we had expected. Initially the number was 16 which has now been reduced to only 5. We are still in contact with almost everyone who comprised the Agape family. Five of them are now married with Elizabeth now having 3 children while the rest have at least one each! It was exhilarating to see the majority of them during the wedding of our last born daughter Mildred on 23rd October.

ZEINAB PHIRI



She was very young when she was brought to us. Through the Ministry of Seedsowers, Clara and I were able to take care of her. Just after her entering secondary school the sister of her late mother claimed her from saying she was now better able to care for her. The relative and her husband divorced and that the beginning of Zeinab's troubles. Surprisingly, she remained with the husband of her relative after the divorce so in January of this year, the husband brought her back to us as the only guardians available to keep her. She has one more subject to finish her Diploma in Business Administration at PACT College in Blantyre.

'Agape' News— continued

Christopher Kasimba Kaiya

He was the youngest brought to us after her mother died. Her father used to come to see him at Agape and occasionally he would bring him some sweets and bread despite the fact that he was also struggling to make ends meet. He was a casual labourer until he died of HIV related causes.

Christopher is studying Industrial Engineering and is ready to finish in 2023 at the Malawi Polytechnic. He is one of the most well behaved boys around. This is a challenging course but he seems to get well with it without difficulty.

Margaret Kaiya

Margaret Kaiya came to us while she was also young. Margaret dreams of being a model. She is at Malawi Assemblies of God University (MAGU). In her first year she did not do well and she is redoing what she was supposed to do in the first year. Her spoken English is quite good but her weakness is lack of concentration. I had a very good talk with her and she seems to have improved in her performance. We are praying for her to model after a well behaved young woman!

Grace Zululu

Grace Zululu is a finalist at the African Bible College in Lilongwe. Thanks for the support that Seedsowers provided for her to be at her dream college! It was worth it because she works very hard and all her results have been way above average. Her spoken English is impeccable! I am so proud of this girl and I know she will make it in life. Her father used to work as a labourer in several homesteads. Later he developed mental challenges that his wife divorced him. Right now he just known as a mental case walking around wearing shabby clothes and talking all the time. This makes Grace cry and I understand why. She is the only educated girl in her family and her father was okay during her childhood. Her brother James, wants to try driving but has not been to a driving school yet. James was also part of Agape, he is not married but struggling in life really.

News from 'Agape'- continued



Christopher Kasimba Kaiya



Grace Zululu



Margaret Kaiya

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- Ashburton Steelworks
- Christian African Relief Trust (CART)
- Malawi Association for Christian Support (MACS)
- Pennywell Farm
- St. Alban Church
- All the student sponsors of 'Agape'
- All those sponsors that have continued to support the work over the past 26 years.

David Livingstone

Not far from the mission station at Nkotakota is the tree under which David Livingstone signed a treaty with a Chichewa chief to stop the selling of conquered African tribes to the Arab traders. Often Livingstone would buy the slaves from the Arab traders and set them free when he came across them in his travels. David Livingstone's memory is revered in Malawi. His story is taught to the children in the schools. On independence many of the European names were Africanised but not those associated with David Livingstone. Blantyre, the second largest city in Malawi still retains its name, being named after Livingstone's birthplace in a small mining town in Scotland. Other names associated with him have also retained their European name.

Blantyre in Scotland has a memorial park dedicated to their famous son. It houses a museum and the tenement housing where he grew up with his parents and grandparents. His grandparents were turned off their croft during the period of the 'clearances'. The home he grew up in was built by a Christian businessman who owned a cotton mill and erected these buildings to house his workers. They were quiet modern and revolutionary for that period in the 1700's. David Livingstone, while still working in the mill, studied in the evenings and attained two degrees, one in theology and one in medicine.

There is a wonderful story of how he came to go to Africa. It starts with two street urchins who were met in the street in Edinburgh by a Christian businessman. This businessman asked whether they ever went to church. They replied that they were unable to go to church because their clothes were not suitable. The businessman offered to buy them new clothes if they would come with him to church. They agreed and the clothes were subsequently bought and the businessman arranged to meet them the following Sunday. On the following Sunday only one of them showed up. This boy went with the businessman to church and heard the call for missionaries to go to the 'Dark Continent'. This impacted the lad and he later trained and set off for Africa. His name was Moffat.

Years later Livingstone attended a church where Moffat gave out a plea for missionaries to follow him to bring the Gospel to that 'Dark Continent'. Livingstone took up the challenge and subsequently followed Moffat to Africa.

While in Africa, Livingstone had only one known convert, that being the chief of one of the tribes in South Africa. However, the legacy that he left behind opened up the way for other missionaries to come and bring the good news of the Gospel.

New Seedsowers Trustee



We have great pleasure in welcoming Mr Chris Murray to the Board of Trustees. Chris has been a great supporter of Seedsowers over the years.

Chris and Nicky with their family run Pennywell Farm at Buckfastleigh in Devon which is an award winning theme farm with a Christian ethos. At Christmas time they run Nativity plays where the children take an active part in the Christmas story where the live animals are very much part of the act.

We very much look forward to Chris's contribution to the board with his extensive business experience to progress the charity forward.

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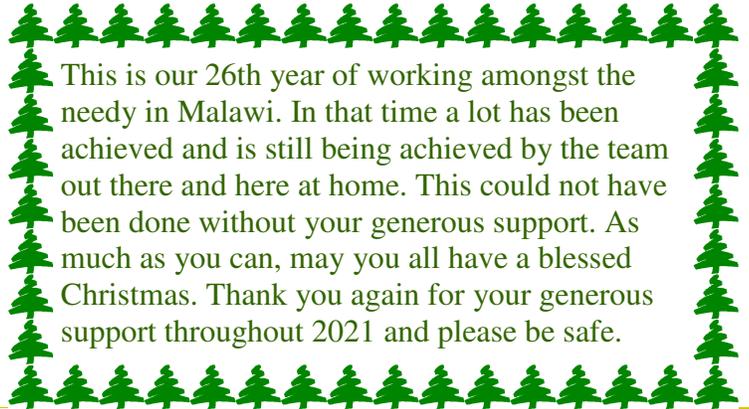


Seed Sowers Trust

Seed Sowers Trust is a UK based charity founded in 1994 under the name of Malawi Mission. Its vision is to reach out to the poor and help facilitate them to help themselves. It also has at its heart the desire to propagate the Gospel of Christ and wherever possible support the indigenous churches to enable this.

The charity has been involved in water and sanitation programmes in Africa as well as food growing projects. It is currently working with local NGO's in Africa on Orphan projects, water projects, and farming projects.

It has supplied over 2000 Bibles in Chichewa to congregations of the rural churches in Malawi.



This is our 26th year of working amongst the needy in Malawi. In that time a lot has been achieved and is still being achieved by the team out there and here at home. This could not have been done without your generous support. As much as you can, may you all have a blessed Christmas. Thank you again for your generous support throughout 2021 and please be safe.

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