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Cyclone ANA

Our borehole programme was again halted by Cyclone ANA which hit Mozambique and Malawi early in January 2022, causing much damage to crops and housing, especially in the poorer rural villages where we are currently working. This again meant that the drilling programme was to put on hold due to the extensive flooding. In the area where we are working extensive damage has been done to homes, and the crops of the subsistence farmers which have all but been wiped out. After the flooding receded the farmers needed to replant. This has been a great trial for them as the cost of seed and fertiliser has increased to a level which is now unaffordable for them. The global situation resulting from the war in Ukraine is being felt strongly now in Malawi with a huge cost-of-living hike and there is going to be a severe famine here in the very near future. Our country co-ordinator has informed us that there is good news though, as the Covid 19 situation in the country is now less severe and the country is nearly back to pre-Covid levels regarding the health issues.



Part of a major road swept away by Cyclone ANA

Unfortunately, a lot of the pumps of the Anglican Project have been damaged by the floods together with so many homes. There is a need to do repairs on the pumps installed in this project, especially the civil works and pumping mechanisms.

Cyclone ANA - continued

We have received a grant from Friends of Malawi Association (FOMA) of £1500 for the repair of some of the water points. With this money three boreholes have been rehabilitated at Malunga and Daniel, Chilaweni and a borehole rehabilitated in Njuli funded by Seedsowers Trust. We received from our famine appeal £2620 which has been spent providing maize to the beleaguered families in the parishes of Mulanji and Blantyre South Lunzu together with repairing damaged homes.



Damaged homes due to Cyclone ANA

The Anglican Project

As already stated there is a need to repair some of the borehole installations in this project due to the flooding. Prior to the flooding some of the sites were not conducive for our drilling technique and would require far deeper boreholes than we can do with our percussion method of drilling and would have to be done by a drilling contractor. This was highlighted last year when they found the water from our shallow well was saline and therefore needed to go to the deeper water table. We have received £5815 from Christian African Relief Trust (CART) towards this. Another £1000 from the Seedsowers fund has enabled two such deep drilled boreholes to be financed.

Another problem was the terrain in some of the sites was sandy and again a problem with our drilling method. Other sites in the area were very rocky. They have abandoned many drilling sites because of this and have decided to go to sites in the parishes of Mulanje and Chiradzulu after discussions with the Youth Co-ordinator of the Diocese of Southern Malawi. The next 10 boreholes in the Anglican project are commencing on the sites previously mentioned.



Pump now repaired and in action



Repair of Cyclone damaged pump being undertaken by villagers overseen by Seedsowers technicians

Obituary: Keith Green

Sadly, we report the unexpected death of Keith Green one of our earliest supporters. **When God called us to start a work in Malawi to provide clean water for the rural poor. Keith was there wanting to be part of it and was on the very first airlift to Malawi to initiate the project there. As often happens in Africa things did not go quite to plan. There were problems with equipment not being delivered on time together with the loss of a container which held up the schedule. However, this did not deter Keith who would take every opportunity to share about the saving grace of Jesus. Keith soon befriended a lovely Malawian brother called Henry, who was an evangelist and the pair of them used to go on the streets of Blantyre, the city where we were staying, and preach the Gospel every noonday. Despite all the problems God turned it all around for good as He does. The year was 1995 which was also the year of his daughter's wedding. We got him back safely for that much to the relief of Val, his wife. The support of both Keith and Val over the past 27 years is greatly appreciated by Seedsowers Trust.**

Aquabox Water Filters

A charity called Aquabox which supplies water filters for purifying contaminated water contacted Seedsowers to supply a consignment of 12 family water purification filters and 16 community water purification filters to help the situation after the recent flooding in Malawi. They were referred to Seedsowers by another charity which has funded us in the past. They have paid for all the shipping costs and we have received a customs waiver from the Malawi Customs and Excise. The total value of this gift is £5600.

These filters will allow the contaminated water caused by the flooding to be safely filtered allowing for the processed water to be drunk without fear of disease.



Aquabox consignment of water filters ready for distribution



Lundu Under Five Clinic Rehabilitation



Under Five Clinic before rehabilitation



Exterior view of rehabilitation in progress



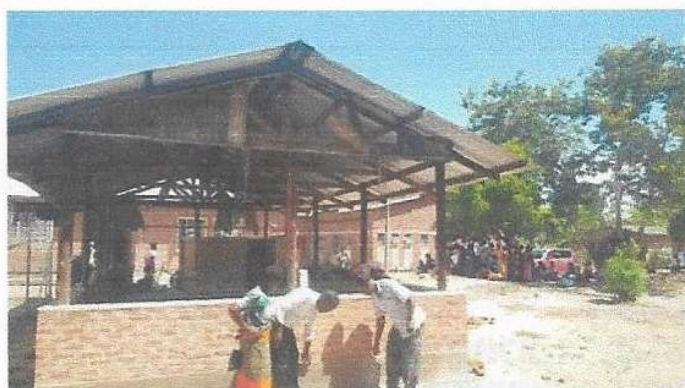
Side view of the rehabilitation in progress



Interior view of the rehabilitation



Clinicians office



Inspection of the works with the foreman and the community health committee member

Lundu Clinic Rehabilitation— cont.

This project has been unaffected by the flooding and is now nearing completion. A further £350 has been requested to treat a termite infestation in the roof to complete the project. Unfortunately, due to the current situation the community is unable to finance this as they intended to do due to the price hike of commodities . Seedsowers has consented to finance this item.

Obituary: Dr. Sam Bhima

Sadly, we report the death of Dr. Sam Bhima at the age of 97. Prior to a providential meeting with Dr. Sam Bhima and his wife Joan, Seedsowers Trust had been working in Malawi on water projects. It was when this phase of our operations had been paused that we met up with Sam and his wife Joan who showed us the plight of the Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) who looked after the rural village women during their pregnancy and birth. The facilities in which many of these women had to give birth were horrendous and many died due to unhygienic conditions.

After consultations with the Malawi Ministry of Health and the DfiD Safe Motherhood Programme a plan was put together to build a series of purpose built Tradition Birth Attendant clinics comprising of a reception room, a delivery room and a post-natal room. Each clinic to be equipped with a custom-made delivery bed and other necessary furniture.

This work became the task of Sam's brother George, who by this time had become the Country Coordinator for Seedsowers Trust in Malawi. George later moved to South Africa to be nearer to his family and sadly died there last year.

In total 11 clinics were built, the first of these clinics was financed by Exeter College and St. Margrate's School who raised the money required and then came to Malawi to help build the first of these clinics as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Sam was very much part of this with his brother George.

Sam had a great love for the Malawian people and although domiciled in the UK working with our NHS, he also spent a lot of his time working part of the year in Malawi working amongst the needy poor there.

Very often when I was in Malawi I was wonderfully hosted by Sam and Joan in their home in Blantyre. I thank God for the friendship of Sam who was the first Malawi qualified gynaecologist and was a pioneer in this sphere. Through Sam's pioneering work many women's lives were saved around the world. Sam was teaching in the NHS up to the age of 92. Thank you Sam for the wonderful legacy that you have left us. You will be missed.

Bible Distribution in Mangochi

Money has been provided by donors for the purchase of Bibles in the local language. The first of these were presented to Joshua Kasakaza of Arise and Shine Ministries. He is a praise leader and evangelist, pastoring with Pastor Wadi Makunganya a Muslim convert. Most of their members are Muslim converts. Also, there are Muslims that just wish to fellowship with them. Whatever the reason for the fellowship they are hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

These particular Bibles have been distributed in the Muslim district of Mangochi.



Bibles being handed over to Joshua Kasakaza of Arise and Shine Ministries

The Prison Ministry

Report from Agnes, Malawian Trustee

For me what I can report for Prison Ministry is that COVID has ruined our program, but last month I wrote to them to ask them if we could resume the Tailoring and Designing program of which the response was they will come back to us as most of those women we were working with, some have been transferred to other Prisons due to congestion. But we are awaiting to hear from them soon.

Hopefully, the project will resume soon.

Your Help Needed

Our vehicle, a Nissan Hardbody pickup, is now over 25 years old and is really showing its age and is constantly breaking down. A replacement is now very much needed so that we can carry on the work in Malawi more effectively. The cost of a second hand newer replacement vehicle is approximately £7000—£15000.

Please would you help us to raise the necessary funds so that the life saving work of Seed Sowers Trust can carry on more efficiently.



Seedsowers Truck broken down on way to a drilling site



Seedsowers Pickup broken down with damaged Prop Shaft

News from 'Agape' by Fletcher Kaiya as reported earlier this year

Greetings from Blantyre. Our family is doing well and as I said Malawi's infection of Covid 19 is very minimal. Sometimes we feel you should have been here for a while.

Concerning the performance of the Agape boys and girls. **Christopher** is going for his 3rd year in Industrial Engineering at the Polytechnic. However, the Covid disturbance has wreaked havoc to their academic scheduling. They are not sure when exactly, they will resume classes. Otherwise, he is doing very well just as Grace is. Here are his recent exam results: Organization Behaviour (67%), Electrical Technology (72%), Computer Aided Drawing (64%), Statics and Dynamics (79%), Linear Algebra (64%) and Manufacturing Technology and Processes (59%). This obviously is above average performance. Theresa is back to Mzuzu University after the government eased restrictions against Covid. **Theresa** is asthmatic and we pray for her protection. Academically she is also doing well. She has gone into her 2nd year. The challenges there is accommodation. Apartments for rental closer to the University just went up twice as higher than the normal apartment outside of it as the students scamper for the few that are available. The University provides accommodation to only a small number of students. Theresa works very hard and there's all likelihood that her performance gets better especially when her asthma lowers down.

Grace is doing very well: The latest report she has straight As in Community Outreach, Social Science and Principles of Accounting, She got A-s in History of Christianity, Principles of Economics and Old Testament Biblical Theology. Personal Finance Management she got a B+ and a B in Speech Communication. Grace is doing very well but as I said her tuition is the most expensive.

Margaret is at the Malawi Assemblies of God University. Last term she did not do well and she is repeating. I have told her to work hard or we cannot afford to continue to pay her tuition fees. I hope she does well this time around.

Andrew was very optimistic that he was going to pass the MSCE (0 level) exams. However, after writing few papers, the government had to cancel the examinations due to massive leakage of the same. Some city students had the exams in their Whatsapp messages. This is a blunder that will cost cash strapped government another whopping 4,500,000 Pounds needlessly! The government has taken drastic measures to clear the rubble. The Education Minister had announced that fresh exams will be conducted in March next year but the President has directed that fresh exams must be ready by end of January 2022. As you can observe Covid is not so much of a problem here.

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- 3 Pennywell Farm
- 4 Teignflex, Newton Abbot
- 5 Christian African Relief Trust (CART)
- 6 Malawi Association for Christian Support (MACS)
- 7 Friends of Malawi Association (FOMA)
- 8 All the student sponsors of Agape
- 9 All those sponsors that have contributed through the years in supporting our work in Malawi

Stop Press : Grace Kaiya's Graduation



Grace (middle) with the Kaiya family



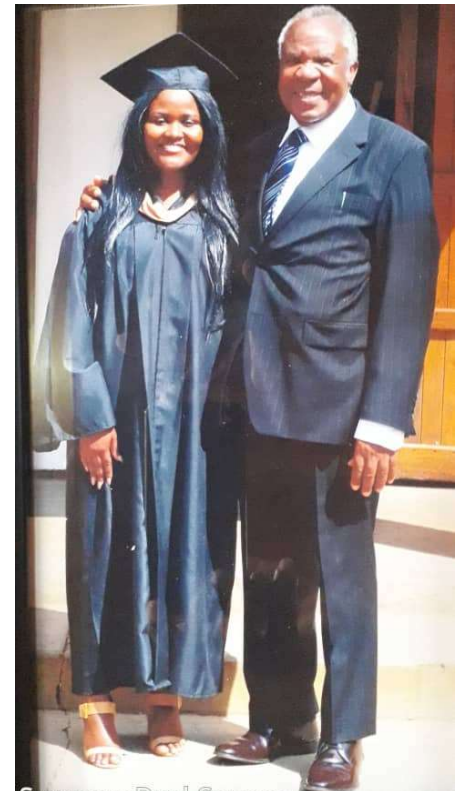
Grace reading from Romans

Grace Kaiya who was adopted into the 'Agape' children's home when very young, on June 4th 2022 graduated as top student of 2022 at the African Bible College in Lilongwe which was attended by the Malawi State President, Lazarus Chakwera. She was awarded the Valedictorian prize for 2022 and the President awarded her Mk 200,000 (£150).

The ceremony was also attended by many of the members of the present government including the deputy Education Minister and the Land Minister, Sam Kawale, Rev. Fletcher's son in law. Speeches were given by the State President together with Malla Kawale, Fletcher's daughter, who is a board member of the African Bible College. Many of the present Malawian Government have been educated at this college which is one of the most prestigious colleges in the country. It is accredited in the US. The President himself was educated at a sister college in the US. Grace has done very well and we are very proud of her. She intends to study for a Masters Degree later.

Obituary: Dr. Martin Almond

Dr. Martin Almond who with his wife Elizabeth has supported the charity from its beginning sadly passed away earlier this year. We extend our condolences to Elizabeth and family and give thanks for their support.



Rev. Fletcher Kaiya with Grace at her graduation June 2022

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Helping the Poor to Help Themselves



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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 28th 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. May you all have a blessed summer. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

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