

The Anglican Project

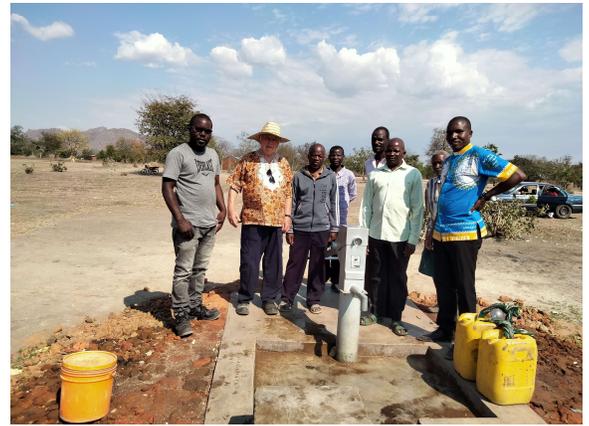
As already stated in our last newsletter this project was delayed because of Covid and then Cyclone Ana. Of the 10 scheduled to be completed and funded by MACS sadly only 8 were done. This was due in part to the ground conditions not being suitable for the Percussion Drilling Technique. 18 attempts were made in the area and had to be abandoned with the consequent loss of materials.

It has been agreed with the Anglican church that the project for the next 10 be moved to a parish in Mulanje where there is a great need for water. These 10 are funded by CART.

In Lijidzi Parish, Lundu, there was a need for 2 deep Afidev boreholes. Unfortunately, due to increasing prices we only have funds for one. Another £1000 is needed to top up to provide the second borehole. The major funding for these boreholes came from CART. The deep boreholes are needed because of the salinity of the shallow wells in the area.



The new Deep Community Borehole in Lijidzi Parish Lundu completed earlier this year. (ZIKOMO) means thank you in Malawi



Mike Ansell visiting the Deep Community borehole at Lijidzi with George Mkoko and the Parish Priest, Father Wilfred Chirwa

The Prison Ministry

Due to the Covid situation this ministry had to come to a temporary halt as the women prisoners were isolated. The ministry is about to recommence and Agnes says she wants to start teaching them again how to make their own sanitary pads and will be submitting a budget for the materials for this in the near future. Agnes is at present in the UK to visit with her daughters for 5 months.

Visit to the Kudyere Project

This project was initiated by a teacher and he has motivated some of the villages that live on the side of Mulanje mountain to tap into a spring high up on the mountain and pipe the water to the villages downstream. They have raised a lot of the money for the project themselves but needed us to assist in providing the piping needed to connect up the villages. Unfortunately, the concrete reservoir originally built has been



Seedsowers Mike Ansell being shown one of the taps installed in the project.

damaged through the Cyclone and they are asking Seedsowers if we could help them raise funds to provide for 3 plastic tanks to replace the damaged reservoir together with the piping required.

We received a rapturous welcome from the villagers as they showed us the project and its taps. They have a vision to provide water for over 200 households.

This is a very self motivated project,

To express their thanks to us the villagers presented us with several hands of bananas, a rare commodity at this time due to the banana disease, and a live chicken.

If we can raise the funds there is a similar project that could be initiated at Chilaweni near Blantyre. George, our coordinator, will be assessing this in the coming months.



Mike being presented with a thank you gift of several hands of bananas and a live chicken



Left- Mike being shown a repair to a donated tank to replace the reservoir damaged in the Cyclone.

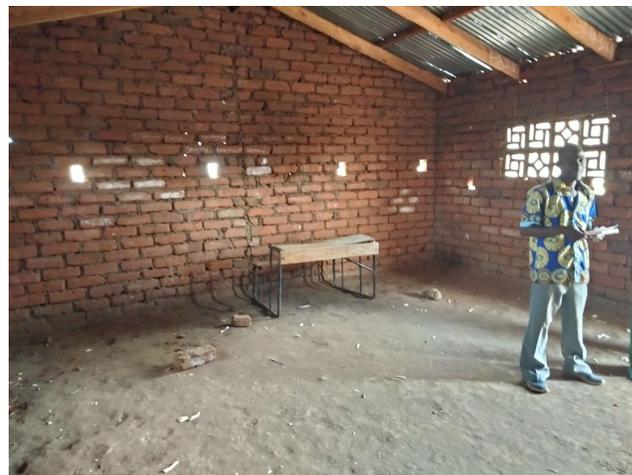
Above- Patrick, our Field Technician, dancing with the women showing their appreciation for the work of Seed Sowers in their villages

Visit to Nankuyu & Sayele Primary Schools

Both these schools have very similar problems, both had classroom accommodation problems with the first year students having to have their lessons under a tree with the obvious problems of weather in the rainy season. At the Nankuyu School, the community had raised funds to build the extra accommodation needed but this has been condemned as unsafe by the Education Authority due to its poor unsafe construction. Both these schools lack desks and the children have to sit on a very dusty floor and write using their knees as their desks. Amongst the other problems is the shortage of text books and even chalk for the blackboards. The teachers have really terrible conditions to work in, they themselves being without a desk in most cases.



The condemned school block at Nankuyu



Inside the condemned building at Nankuyu School



Year one Nankuyu Primary School being taught outside due to lack of accommodation in the school



The Seedsowers rehabilitated pump at Nankuyu School

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