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## Rehabilitation of Sayere Primary School

The chairman on his visit to Malawi last year visited two primary schools in two rural villages outside the city of Blantyre. One of these schools was Sayere Primary School. In one of the classrooms there were no desks and the students had to sit on a broken dusty concrete floor (see photo). The headmaster's office had no shelves and as a consequence storage of documents was a big problem. Also, the girls toilet needed repairing as some of the walls had fallen down revealing the inside of the toilet. With the help of Christian African Relief Trust (CART) Seedsowers Trust has been able to put in a new concrete floor and provide the much needed desks. The girls toilets have also been refurbished.



Classroom before rehabilitation



Classroom after rehabilitation



Girls toilet before refurbishment



Girls toilet after refurbishment

### Special points of interest:

- Rehabilitation of Sayere School
- Rehabilitation of Boreholes
- Skills Training-Agnes Mkoko
- Mulanje Borehole Program underway

## *Rehabilitation of Cyclone Damaged Boreholes*

Cyclones Ana and Freddy caused considerable damage to some of our boreholes. The flooding brought contamination into these boreholes due to the ingress of sewage. This meant that the water from these boreholes could carry waterborne diseases such as cholera. Such a cholera outbreak occurred after Cyclone Ana when over 2000 people died.

The flooding not only damaged the civil works of the boreholes which had to be repaired but, because of the ingress of contaminated water, the pumps had to be withdrawn from the boreholes and stripped down and fitted with new valves and seals and the whole mechanism decontaminated.

The water in the borehole itself had to be flushed out by compressed air and the pump reassembled and reinstalled.

With the generous support of the RORA Fellowship three boreholes were rehabilitated.

There are a further twelve boreholes that need such treatment and we are in the process of fundraising so that we can accomplish this and provide that precious safe water needed for the villagers.



*Rehabilitation of an Afridev borehole damaged by the cyclones*



*One of the RORA donated boreholes before refurbishment*



*The second damaged RORA donated borehole before refurbishment*



*The second RORA donated borehole after refurbishment*



*The above borehole refurbished*



## *Skills Training by Agnes Mkoko and her Team*

In our last newsletter we reported on how Agnes Mkoko and her team carried out training at Bakasala in T/A Lundu in the art of soap making as an income generator for those villagers who had suffered from the two cyclones.

In addition to this project Agnes's team did some training with the members of mothers groups in their Catholic Primary School and another from Bakasala Anglican Primary School on making reusable sanitary pads. Another group from the Linjidzi Parish also joined them. Reusable Sanitary Pads helps those girls who cannot afford to buy disposable pads and hence during menstruation these girls miss school as they suffer the embarrassment of leaking sitting along side the boys.

One of the groups has gone back to their school and has started to teach the girls themselves on how to make their own reusable sanitary pads. Agnes and the team gave them some materials as a starter pack. This group has indicated to Agnes that they want to make over 100 such pads which they want to give to some of the girls. This initiative was funded by the money raised by Seedsowers Trust in their cyclone appeal.



*The Mothers Groups in training learning how to make reusable sanitary pads*



*Members of the Bakasala and Linjidzi Mothers Groups taking part in the training program*

*Left- Schoolgirls with their newly made reusable sanitary pads*



## *A Program of Boreholes for Mulanje*

After many delays the program of ten boreholes has commenced in the parishes of Mulanje District. The team of Seedsowers had been waiting for the dry season to arrive as this is when the water table is at its lowest and therefore when water is found the boreholes is more likely to provide water throughout the season. This project is sponsored by Christian African Relief Trust (CART)



*The pump liner being installed in the new borehole*



*The first completed borehole at Mulanje*



*Left — Borehole nearing completion*

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*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 29th 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 Christmas. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

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