

AQUAID LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS 2006 AQUAID LIFELINE NEWSLETTER FROM MALAWI



Meet Ernest, abandoned at the funeral of his guardian! This four year old boy was well cared for by a distant relative, having lost both parents. Sadly his guardian passed away, and Ernest was taken along to her funeral. After the ceremony, he was left standing at the graveside, and as the mourners drifted away, it became clear that Ernest was unwanted.

Fortunately the coordinator of the **Aquaid** day care centre at Lisungwe was present, and he took the homeless orphan home, where he is now a member of a large, happy family of 219 children. Its clear to see that Ernest is traumatised, and that his young life has been blighted by the loss of his parents and guardian, but experience tells us that within a few months the loving care and close family companionship which is a way of life at all **Aquaid Lifeline** centres will bring about a transformation in the sorrowful life of Ernest.

Compare the picture above with these studies of eager mischief! These are some of the 125 children at our nursery school at Namarita, East Zomba.



WASHING HANDS BEFORE LUNCH



Some of the 750 lunches served daily at our centre in Namarita: All ingredients are produced at the centre including rabbit, goat, chicken, or fish caught in Lake Chirwa (yet to be added to the dishes).

Sharing our water: A little girl from a village nearby on her way home, having visited the borehole at Namisu Orphan village.

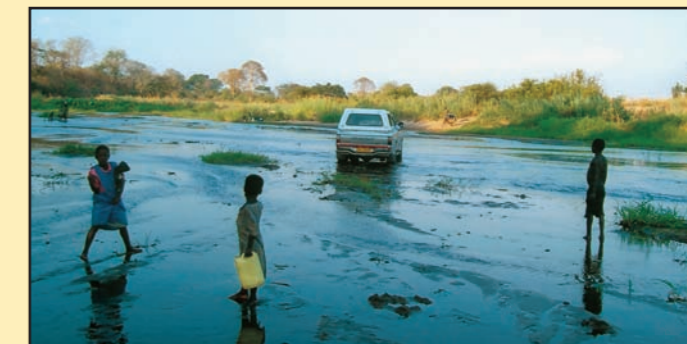
In the background (left) is one of 5 chicken barns where about 1,300 eggs are produced daily.



Our splendid new carpentry shop at Namisu, with completed school desks in the foreground. The thatch keeps the temperature cool, even when its 35 - 40°! Our children enjoy woodwork classes here, and the project generates significant income.



Window and door frames made at our joinery, to be used in the construction of our ninth day care centre.



The coordinator crossing the river Lisungwe in an urgent search for a site for a new day care centre. The rains have come, and 120 of our orphan children have now been cut off. A new site was kindly offered by the Chief of Funsani village, and the project is now under way.

The **AQUAID LIFELINE** Fund offers grateful thanks for continuing magnificent support from **AQUAID U.K. Ltd.** and the many other donors, which has enabled us to rescue so many and offer hope to those who had none. For further information Tel. John Searle, **AQUAID LIFELINE** Fund Co-ordinator, on (01223) 276710