

IRRIGATION...ANTICIPATION...GRATIFICATION



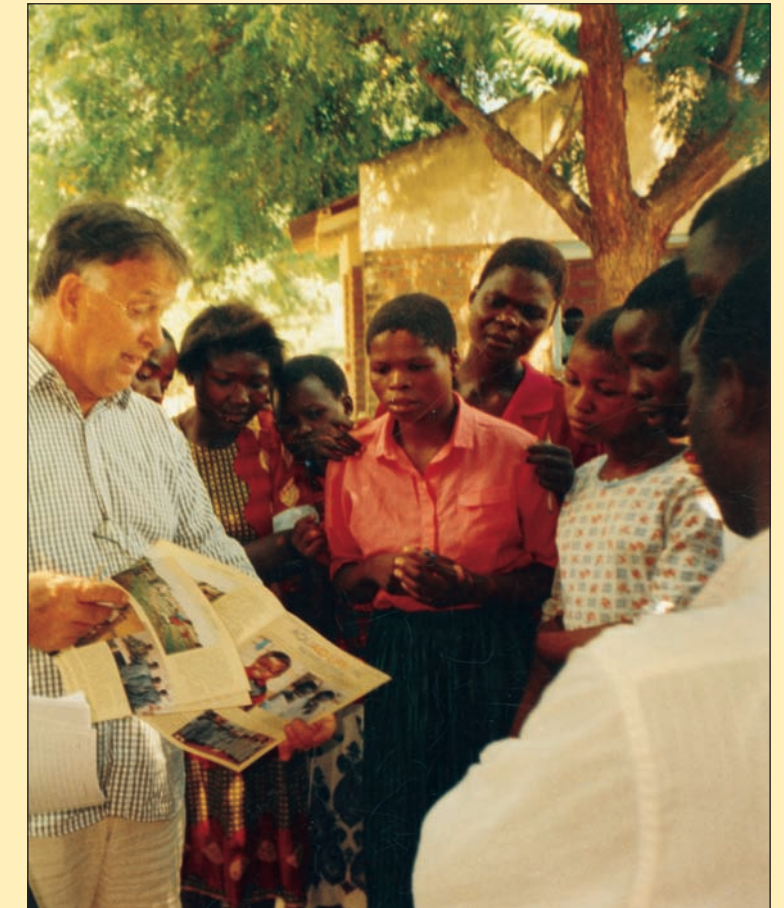
□ Mai Nkolimbo, 2nd right, mother of Mphatso House (*House of Patience*), waits for her bowl to be filled with the day's rations of home grown tomatoes and aubergines, attended by Mary Mpithi, *our house matron*. We have arranged for 40 additional orphans to be taken into our day care centre, which will increase our family to 207. We are also able to feed and clothe a further 150 children, presently cared for by local orphan care organisations in financial difficulty.



□ Six of our girls enjoy playing on two of the 10 swings using re-cycled tyres on the Namisu village playground. We are pleased to report that no serious incidences of malaria have occurred during the past rainy season, and that we have been able to provide timely healthcare for our own, and many other needy children from the 11 villages around us. We extend sincere thanks to all **AQUAID** customers, without whose support we would be unable to bring hope of a brighter future to so many.

EDUCATION...EDUCATION...EDUCATION

□ In Malawi, selection for secondary school education is something of an achievement. However, if you're an orphan, or the child of poor parents, you don't celebrate your success, because secondary schooling costs money. Many head teachers spend time in an often futile search for sponsorship for hard working and promising pupils, whose only chance of a future is a secondary education. **AQUAID LIFELINE** are presently sponsoring 239 young people at an average cost of just £50.00 per annum, which includes exam fees and uniform costs. In our photo, (*on the right*), our co-ordinator explains the work of **AQUAID LIFELINE** by showing a recent newsletter to eager beneficiaries of our Orphan Scholarship Fund in Chikwawa District in the southern region of Malawi. This fund extends to 10 schools around Malawi, and we aim to expand it as funds allow.



26 February, 2003.
 Dear Fund co-ordinator (J.R. Seare), Aquaaid Life Line
 I am a Malawian boy aged 21 and single. I
 have written this letter as a matter of appreciating
 for your contribution towards my success in
 education.
 I was one of the beneficiaries of your funds
 at Mudi C.B.S.S. from 2001 to 2002 during my
 Senior secondary course. I sat for the M.S.C.E
 Examinations in 2002 and I passed. I have
 42 points composed of six credits and two passes.
 And I can be the first one to have such a great
 achievement as far as the aquaid history is
 concerned.
 After having a close look into my success
 I have seen that I could not have achieved all
 this in absence of your funds because I am
 a needy boy. I have no relative who could
 have helped me to reach all this far as I
 have done.
 Therefore I have decided to come back to
 you and say thanks for your assistance.
 "May God bless you".
 Yours faithfully,
 Mestain Black.

□ Printed here is a letter of thanks, given to our co-ordinator on his last trip. Through the **AQUAID LIFELINE** orphan scholarship fund, this young man is now attending a local college, studying for a diploma in Human Resource Development.

MARIYA SCHOOL, RURAL BLANTYRE, MALAWI



□ The people of Mariya are hard working and ambitious for their children's future. **AQUAID LIFELINE** have built a fine new school block to replace two classrooms which had been built using mud, with no windows, very little light, no desks, blackboards or seating except for 3 bricks per child. Here is the headmaster, Mr Wedson Lichapa, on opening day, pointing out his aspirations for the thousand pupils currently on the school roll.

□ *Right:*
The Community Development officer, Blantyre District, Mr James Malenga, cuts the ribbon during the opening ceremony of the new school block, accompanied by the **AQUAID LIFELINE** co-ordinator.



□ *Above:*
A message to all our customers and supporters of **AQUAID** from the schoolchildren, teachers and parents at Mariya

□ *Right:*
The new building, with centre section comprised of a staff room, headmaster's study, and a library. New desks have been provided for the classrooms contained in the two outer wings. **AQUAID LIFELINE** has also funded a borehole, two blocks of toilets and hand washing facilities at this village. Future plans include an orphan day care centre and two more school blocks.



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AQUAID LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR ORPHAN VILLAGE AT NAMISU, RURAL BLANTYRE, MALAWI, CENTRAL AFRICA

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□ Our village is now totally self sufficient in vegetable and egg production, due to our irrigation system.

Here's a field of cabbages watered by one of 5 canals which are fed by a 10,000 litre reservoir. Buildings in the background are, *Left to right:* Day Care Centre, Reservoir, Chimwemwe Orphan House, Chicken Barn and Mtendere Orphan House.

We are now able to sell surplus vegetables and eggs. We use the proceeds to buy chicken feed and vegetable seed etc., after we have fed the 300+ orphaned and needy children who are dependant on **AQUAID LIFELINE** for their daily needs



□ Mr Namwiri, our farm manager assisted by a staff member using syphons to create a rice paddy! Our water supply is 50 metres below ground, and is pumped up to the reservoir by solar power. **AQUAID LIFELINE** has pledged a gift of irrigation systems to 10 local farmers. The pilot scheme is due for completion in April 03. We are convinced this is the answer to the cycle of famine caused by drought.

IMPORTANT NOTE: WITHOUT YOUR GOODWILL, WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO BRING RELIEF TO SO MANY.

ON THEIR BEHALF WE THANK YOU, AND ASSURE YOU OF OUR CONTINUED BEST ATTENTION.

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