

AQUAID LIFELINE FUND NEWS FROM MALAWI



Another newsletter, another trophy!

□ Pictured left are 6 of our bright students from Umodzi Primary School, holding the trophy that was awarded to them for finishing in top position in a reading competition. We are very proud of our school here as it is consistently the top school in the Zone. This is no easy task as the school is located in a very rural area of Malawi where students often drop out of school. We have every hope that these children will continue their education at our secondary school which is located a very short distance away.



□ During a visit to our centre at Phalombe, our Co-ordinator, Josie Charter, noticed some very needy and vulnerable children looking on from a distance. It was discovered that although the girls in the centre of the photograph had both parents still alive, they were really struggling to feed and clothe their children. This photograph was taken after the children were given the news that they would, from that day, become part of the AquaAid family and receive care and food on a daily basis from our centre.



Remember Ian? He was previously featured in our newsletter as a shining example of what can be achieved with determination and hard work. Ian was a boarder at the Dawn Centre and despite his disability, he manages very well using his feet as hands. We are happy to report that, following outstanding exam results at the end of primary school, Ian was selected to an excellent secondary school in Blantyre where he is progressing very well. As you can tell from the photograph, Ian absolutely loves school and is on track to follow his dream of becoming a lawyer.



Josie Charter writes, 'When I first met Faith, 3 years ago, she was a new resident at the Dawn Centre, and I was very concerned for her future. Faith had been born with a physical disability and was unable to walk and spent her first few years with no stimulation or physiotherapy. She didn't smile or play and seemed locked in her own world. What a difference 3 years of love, care and regular physiotherapy can make. Faith is now walking unaided, playing with her friends at the Dawn Centre, attending classes at school and, best of all, smiling and laughing.'



Carpentry lessons

Pictured here are some of the boys from the Philip Veale Children's Centre at Gomani enjoying their carpentry lessons after school. With unemployment high in Malawi, and job opportunities few, we provide vocational training for many of our children to ensure they have the best possible chance of being able to support themselves once they leave our care. Among other skills, we offer tailoring, welding, basket weaving and shoe making. We thank St Mary's Church at Hitchin for their continued support of this project.

□ Laughter is definitely contagious as this photo showing some of our day-care children at Mariya proves. These children are enjoying a good giggle as they watch a comedy play performed by some of their friends. Activities such as dramas, sports days and singing and dancing (always accompanied by our talented children playing the African drums) provide light relief from a life that can be difficult. During moments like this, their problems can be forgotten, as they enjoy the entertainment and being with their friends.



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