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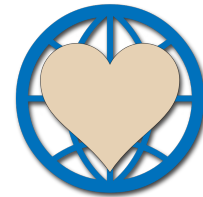
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LETTER TO DONORS

January 2022

After a challenging two years of COVID restrictions both in the US and in Malawi, the GBHI Board of Directors felt it important to give an update to donors regarding recent administrative efforts in the organization.

This is that letter:

Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to start out the new year with a letter to our sponsors after what probably seems like a long drought with no information coming from the Youth Home. We apologize for this. We have faced some challenges, but we have been working and are continuing to work through them.

Below is a summary of what has taken place and what we hope to accomplish in the future:

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- The director and assistant director were removed.
- A new director, Emmily Fungulani, was put in place.
- Nic gave training to the new director and staff.
- Nic gave a complete and thorough report to the board.
- A part-time teacher was hired to tutor the children.
- The Social Welfare office in Ntcheu assisted Emmily in going to the villages to confirm the accuracy of the childrens' records.
- A new assistant director, Lenson Chilaya, was hired.

Our investigations revealed that many of the children whom we thought were orphans actually have a living mother and/or father, but they were abandoned or came from homes with unbearable privations. By Malawi government and community standards, the Social Welfare office considers these children “orphans” and qualified to live at the Youth Home. Each sponsor will be receiving a letter in the near future with a picture of their child, current grade level, and corrected assessment of their situation.

We have been blessed by an extremely dedicated team of board members through the years, and we are grateful for the many hours of service that they volunteer. Jan Jordison served as our Secretary/Treasurer from 2020 through 2021 and was instrumental in assisting the new director, Emmily, through the transition at the Youth Home. Jan announced her retirement at the end of 2021 and worked tirelessly to make sure everything was in order before turning the books over to our new Secretary/Treasurer, Niki Bird. We also welcomed Tammy Tandy to the board, who will be the acting liaison between the children and the sponsors.

We ask that you join us in praying for the children at the Youth Home and the staff who are entrusted with their care, and also to please remember the board members as we seek to serve our Lord through Give Back Hope International.

As the new year begins, we look forward to the future that shines so brightly before us to make a real difference in the lives of the children at the Youth Home in Malawi. We are blessed and grateful to have you on this journey with us.

God bless you all,

Penny Curtis
GBHI President



In Loving Memory of Fatima Mamudu

It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the passing of Fatima Mamudu. She was instrumental in the Women2Women program in Africa. We worked diligently with her from 2016 until she passed away in early 2022.

Her energy, passion, and love of the Gospel was inspirational to everyone that knew her, both in her home village and here in America.

With Fatima's help, we were able to open the Women2Women program in 3 countries and help 12 women in those countries set up their own small business to support their families.

In the village of Blantyre, where Fatima lived, she encouraged the women of the community to learn sewing and use the machines that were planted with their congregations. It not only brought the community together, but the ladies of the congregation also used the opportunity to share the Gospel with their friends.

Many times, we travelled to the Youth Home in Malawi to teach sewing class to the girls and boys, and she was a faithful mentor & teacher to them as well.

Fatima leaves behind two children, her parents, and many friends and family around the world. She will be truly missed.





New Children at the Home: **Enoch, Elifazi,** **Prisca, & Joseph**

In early March, the Social Welfare Office of Ntcheu was notified by members of the community about 3 children who were suffering because of neglect related to their mother's mental illness. It appeared they had been neglected for quite some time before she ultimately left home.

The office brought the children to the Home and asked us for our help. Shortly thereafter, we learned there was a fourth child--an older brother--who had abandoned at their house who needed rescued as well.

The Home was able to bring in all 4 children to keep them safe and immediately provide them with a bath, clean clothes, and proper nutrition. Enoch, Elifazi, Prisca, & Joseph have experienced a great deal of trauma, but they are starting to smile again and are acclimating well with the other children!

New Children at the Home: **Footston, Yofati,** **& Knowledge**

In late February, Footston, Yofati, & Knowledge were seen in the village of Ncheu when Director Emmily was purchasing food for the Home.

The were orphaned and living in a small one-room mud home with their widowed grandmother. She was barely able to feed herself, let alone her 3 grandsons.

After consultation with the village chief and Social Welfare Office, we were asked to bring them to the Home.

They are quickly thriving in their new home.

What a huge difference clean clothes and a few good meals can make in a short time!





Stories from the Kids:

Chikumbutso Yakobe

I am Chikumbutso Yakobe, 15 years of age. With joy I want to tell you that I was selected to Ntcheu Secondary School to continue My studies and I have really started well. I thank Mom Emmily for her advices; I could not have made it to Boarding Secondary School.

We had struggled with many things in the past, but our God is a Master Builder, a master planner, make away where it seems to be no way and He heard our prayers by sending Mom Emmily. In recent times, we have been encouraged to work hard in order to be successful in life, direct us to a good path and because of God's blessings I am here at Ntcheu Boarding Secondary School. This is a huge step to my career and I can see a bright future a head.

Things nowadays has completely changed, when we talk about dressing no one can say that he/she is lacking something because we are well-provided for. We thank our sponsors for things like: shoes, clothes, exercise cooks, ballpoint pens, pencils, umbrellas, study books etc. We tell Mom Emmily and she buys for us when money is around.

When we talk about food, we have been eating delicious and health meals; food roster is being followed as planned. No one can say that has ever slept with empty stomach.

I thank you for buying us TV, printer, umbrellas, school bags, and other necessary materials at home. It is really helping us a lot.

I wish we could have our own infrastructures and property. This will help us to serve more money and help us gain some money for those who will choose to attend our school.

May God continue Bless you for whatever you have done to me and all kids here, I really appreciate it.

“John 15 v 13, Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend.”

Your Daughter,
Chikumbutso Yakobe





Meet the Director: **Emmily Fungulani**

I am Emmily Fungulani born on December 25th, 1952, in a family of seven-- three girls and four boys, I being 6th born.

After completion of my secondary school, I worked for Mlambe Mission Hospital, where I did some training and got certified. I was trained as an HTC (HIV Testing & Counselling) Counselor, and after 2 years I was also trained as an HTC Supervisor. All these trainings were conducted by The Ministry of Health. After that, I was also trained as Home-Based Care Service Provider whereby I also was certified. I was also trained in Youth-Friendly Health Services and got a certificate as a Youth-Friendly Health Service Provider. I got retired from Mlambe Mission Hospital in 2012.

In October 2019, I came in contact with Madam Penny Curtis, who asked me if I can come to rescue orphans at the Youth Home in Ntcheu. After some interviews through the phone, she hired me to come and work as matron. Since I previously worked as a matron at Matindi Girls Academy, it was a welcome idea. I came to Ntcheu on October 24th, 2020. It was not easy to change the kids since I found them helpless. But after I started working, I managed to change their mindset. They now know why they are here. On education, almost all the children are going to school without problems. They have changed the behaviors although some are still misbehaving, but I know that they will automatically change just like others.



I personally thank you, Madam Penny and the entire Board Members, for your hardworking spirit towards us here in Malawi. I know it's not easy to source sponsors, it takes your effort to find the sponsors; you are working tooth and nail day and night in order to feed the children as well as dressing them. I just want to encourage you also to continue working hard. As already indicated, I know your vision towards the children is education a thing which is now taking place. All children now are interested with school.

The children are also doing well in terms of prayers. Indeed, spiritually they have completely changed. But one thing I would request from you is a pastor. If you could send me one that much would help.

With these few remarks I thank you all and God bless you.

Thanks,
Emmily Fungulani
Director



Meet the Assistant Director: **Lenson Chilaya**

I am Lenson Chilaya, born on February 13, 1995, and currently work at Hope Restoration Youth Home as Assistant Director in Ntcheu, Malawi.

I graduated from Soche Technical College with Grade 1 Certificate in Electrical Installation and Computer Studies in 2017.

After completing my studies, I came home to Ntcheu to start looking for jobs. Here in Ntcheu, I usually visit a friend who runs a stationery shop. One day Miss Emmily came to buy some items at the shop and asked my friend if he knew one who can manage to handle a computer. He said Yes and called me immediately. I came to meet Miss Emmily at the shop-- we talked a little bit, and set a date for interviews. I had my interviews on June 4, 2021. The interviews went well and I started the job on June 7, 2021.

It's been 7 months now I'm working here and everything is going well and in the right direction. A lot of things have changed in that time.

For instance, the kids have improved their performances at school and behaviors (e.g.: Chikumbutso Yakobe being selected to Government Secondary School) and I also hope this year other kids who will sit for Government Exams will be selected into Secondary Schools. My wish is to see the organization extending its hand to reach out to more kids out there who are lacking the basic needs of life. I also wish to have our own infrastructures (Housing, Offices, Schools etc.). The infrastructures will help us to accommodate more kids and use our funds more efficiently.

I personally thank you Madam Penny and the entire Board Members for your hardworking spirit towards us here in Malawi.

May the Almighty Lord continue blessing you.

Thank You,
Lenson Chilaya
Assistant Director





We are Thankful for Our Sponsors!

I am delighted to be serving on the GBHI team and especially in aiding the communication between the sponsors and the children at the Youth Home. The role of the sponsor is not only a blessing monetarily, but it is a blessing for the children to know that someone is praying specifically for them and wanting them to learn and have success in life. Your encouragement through a short note or picture can brighten their days and bring them hope to keep trying.

If you would like to become a sponsor, simply choose one of the levels of sponsorship, and choose whether you would prefer a boy or a girl, younger or older. Then please email me at ttandy@givebackhopeintl.org, and we will seek the best match for you. We will also send you a picture, basic information about your child, and how to begin communication with them in Malawi.

If you would like to help and cannot currently sponsor, we need you, too! Please join us in praying for the Youth Home and all of the workers and children. We are also always looking for volunteers. If you have a specific area of interest in which you can volunteer, please let us know. It takes all of us, and we are grateful you are on this journey with us.

Blessings,
Tammy Tandy

Greetings to all the Give Back Hope Family,

I wanted to write about the amazing level of support that all of our donors have brought to the orphanage this past year, especially considering the state of affairs that have impacted the entire world. Every dollar is a blessing and makes an impact and we are thankful for all we have received.

I would like to take a moment to let everyone know what it takes to support each of these kids throughout the year. We have created levels of donating so that you might understand how your gifts impact the children.

The first level we have named Ministering Angel. This level recognizes that no matter the amount given you are an Angel to these children.

The second level we have named Guardian Angel. This level is where we consider a child fully sponsored at \$75 a month. After all expenses for the orphanage are calculated and divided by the number of children this is the number that it costs per month for a child to be fully clothed, fed, and educated. I would like to extend a special thank you and congratulations to all those that have maintained this level of support.

The third level we have named Arch Angel. This is a level that not only fully sponsors a child but either sponsors a second or third, but also guards against extra unforeseen expenses that come up from time to time. If you are one of the few that has reached this level of donation there are no words that can express our gratitude for your sacrifice.

Angels, no matter what designation they are given, bring hope to this fallen world. God has always used the smallest things to confound the largest obstacles so that He can show forth His power and include us in His amazing work. The fall or rescue of any nation is always how the next generation is raised. We have no idea how God will use the children that have been put in our care but I can think of nothing we can do that can impact a life more than hope.

David Frye



Projects & Improvements at the Home

MAINTENANCE

The Board of Directors and the staff at the home have worked with the landlord to make significant improvements to the facilities at the Home, including water storage, paint, electricity, and plumbing.





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DIET

In cooperation with the Board of Directors, the staff has revamped the dining plan for the children, including new foods, more well-rounded nutrition, and improved cooking capabilities.



CLOTHING

Thanks to the Women2Women program and the generous donations of sponsors, all of the children have been provided a new set of clothes, as well as school uniforms.





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BEDDING

Almost each and every child has a bed with proper bedding, sheets, and blankets.

The caretakers see that the bedding is washed regularly, especially for the young children.



EDUCATION

There are multiple children in Secondary School, and some are on track to attend University. This is a wonderful accomplishment, and is a rare privilege in Malawi.








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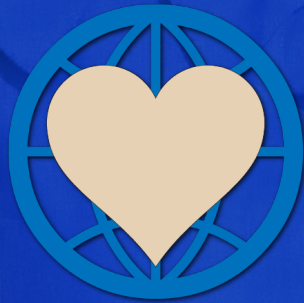
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