

MZUZU NEWSLETTER MAY 2025

MZUZU AIDS ORPHAN CARE PROGRAM – CANADA-MALAWI

SMILES OF JOY AND HOPE!!



Since 2005 our Canadian and Malawi teams have provided hands-on and financial support to over 1000 orphan and HIV/AIDS children in Mzuzu, and we continue with our feeding, health – dental and nursing -, education and skills training even as I write to you. Paul Kamlaza and the parish Mothers Union volunteer teams provide day to day care as a true expression of the love of Jesus Christ.

One of our Canadian team, Lisa Bailey with her husband Ty went to Mzuzu in 2024 as our parish representatives and brought to the Mzuzu parish family and children a chance for the orphans, guardians, and church family to meet some of the Canadian team who send them financial support month by month.

Lisa also provides additional critical sanitary support, through a private Foundation, in the building of over 100 latrines in the city of Mzuzu.

We have faced many challenges since start-up: over 90% of children had HIV/AIDS (now about 10%), and then the COVID pandemic. However, with the fine support of the St. Mark's volunteers and in the mercies of God, we believe many children have been able to move ahead with their lives –at least until 18 years old. As in other years the children receive education about HIV, but they are also dependent on free healthcare support from nations such as Scotland and the USA.

We pray that we may also be able to meet at least some of the children's future needs. Our thanks to our faithful donors, and hands-on teams. We have been blessed to have Paul Kamlaza as our MAOCP Mzuzu coordinator.

As a ministry of St. Peter's Anglican, Cobourg we are grateful for the caring work of this parish and our senior ministry involvement. Please continue to pray for the children and if possible, provide support where you are able.

Colin Turnpenney

Report from Paul Kamlaza

ST MARKS MZUZU PARISH FEEDING PROGRAMME, A MILESTONE

The feeding programme at St marks Parish in Mzuzu is still registering success despite a few challenges emanating from the changes of market prices which the committee is always trying to overcome and balance to make sure that the orphans are having enough to their satisfaction. The feeding programme committee makes sure that children are having a balanced diet comprising of Rice, Beans, eggs, vegetables and fruits.

Then the other meal B which has local food of nsima, porridge, chicken or meat which the children find it suitable and always express gratitude for the support. In a conversation, one of the children said;

"Sir, We're grateful for the tea and lunch provided through this feeding program, which helps us avoid hunger. However, most times we miss supper in our homes after having lunch. As such, we kindly request that support also be extended to cover supper in our homes. We appreciate those who give us help and wish them God's protection, guidance, and long life."

Below, are some of the Secondary school and tertiary students who are currently benefiting with the funding, with some already enjoying the postgraduate life after graduating.

Secondary School students

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| 1. Precious Mwambira | Form 2 |
| 2. Mervis Kawonga | Form 4 |
| 3. Armstrong Phiri | Form 2 |
| 4. Arnold Liwewe | Form 2 |
| 5. Chisomo Mbewe | Form 2 |
| 6. Precious Mtambo | Form 2 |
| 7. Emmanuel Simwaka | Form 4 |

Post-Secondary School

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| 1. Veronica Kandulu: | Hospitality (DIPLOMA) and working |
| 2. Fredrick Nyirongo: | Hospitality (DIPLOMA) and working |
| 3. Tapiwa Kalira: | Completed a Diploma in public Health and working |
| 4. Winnie Khunga: | Completed a study in Psychosocial sciences and working |
| 5. Obed Mbewe: | Completed Electronic Engineering and now job searching |

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| 6. Tamara Mwenda | Studying Pharmacy and is in her last semester |
| 7. Shadreck Mwale | Studying Mathematical Sciences and yet to complete first year soon |
| 8. Mercy Kaluvi | Selected to study a four-year Bachelor's degree of education at Domasi College of Education. |

HEALTH

Dr Vinkhumbo and nurse Wezzie Nyirenda are always doing their best to provide health services to the orphans thanks to their commitment. The only challenge now is also the rising prices of medicine in the respective pharmacies. Regardless, everything is being managed, and gratitude be extended to the warm support that you provide.

TAILORING

Credit should go to Ruth and Josephine for making sure that the orphans are properly given enough lesson. Apart from the tailoring lessons, knitting lessons are also provided to some of the children. We thank you so much for the additional three new sewing machines which are enough for the children. Ruth and Josephine are asking for a continued support from you so that the programme continues to benefit children who would not be able to finish their school and gain technical skills for their daily productivity.

Kind regards,

Paul Kamlaza





Letters Received from Students

FORMER ST MARK'S BENEFICIARY COMPLETES STUDIES, DIPLOMA IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS) MZUZU



25 April 2025- My life, deeply impacted by the support of the St. Mark Anglican orphanage group in Mzuzu, has now reached a significant milestone. I am pleased to announce the successful completion of my studies, an achievement made possible by the opportunities provided by the orphanage and the generous support of its enthusiastic proponents in Canada. Like many children who benefited from the St. Mark group, which provides crucial support including basic needs, medical care, and educational assistance, I have now finished my studies. The St. Mark Anglican orphanage, founded in the early 2000's, has been instrumental in helping needy children, especially orphans. The crucial role of the orphanage is to provide educational support to the children at large. I express deep gratitude for the foundation laid by the orphanage. Echoing the sentiments as a former candidate of the orphanage who emphasized the organization's positive impact on my life, the orphanage has provided tremendous academic support, paying my school fees all along from secondary school

and tuition at tertiary level. Having completed this important chapter, I am looking forward to the future with the support and education received. I am well prepared to contribute to society and make a positive impact.

Obed Mbewe

The photo is of an orphan boy Gift Mugala.



Gift was a boy who came through the Orphan care programme and after his secondary school he was able to train in journalism, with the help of another well wisher. He is now working as an announcer at our diocesan Hossana Radio Station.

The Journey to my Life



I am Shadreck Mwale I am the last born of 10 children in my family, 8 children did not continue with education, due to lack of school fees, following the death of our father to me. Lisa Bailey who visited Malawi in November reports that he is now studying at a very good university near Blantyre studying mathematical engineering. He spoke well and was a leader at the Saturday lunch day and was a very impressive young man. He was just back for Christmas holidays.

Shadreck says - I am greatly thanking the Church here in Malawi, Canada and the entire supporting team. It is not difficult for me to continue with school because of the support from Canada. It is my plea to you that you continue doing to to me and other orphans. There are a lot of school dropouts in Malawi due to unavailability of people like you. May God continue to bless you and increase the number of years to your life.

God bless St. Peter's Cobourg, Canada.

THANK YOU

At this time of the year please consider ways to support these young orphans. They still press into St. Mark's, Mzuzu for much needed help. Your donations go directly for crucial orphan care. The need is great. We are so grateful for your thoughtful support. Thank you.

As you can see from some of the above comments the children and team in Mzuzu really are very thankful and really do appreciate what you are all doing.



How your gifts can help St. Mark's AIDS orphans

\$100 - Purchase 5 family sized mosquito nets to prevent malaria.

Pay an instructor to teach tailoring for 2 months.

Annually make children smile at Christmas with gifts of soap, sugar, salt, and oil.

Purchase new shoes, blankets and used winter clothing for 5 children.

Feed one child every Saturday for 3 months.

\$200 - Provide funding for sick orphans to have hospital visits for 2 months.

Purchase lamp oil for 10 students for one school term... to study at night.

Fund new green agricultural and self-sustaining feeding initiatives.

Purchase shoes and clothes locally for 20 children.

\$300 - Provide special Likuni Phala feeding for one month for HIV children to reduce mortality rates and maintain health.

Provide school uniforms for 5 students.

Provide emergency drugs for 250 children for 2 months

\$500 - Funding a nurse and doctor bi-weekly on Saturdays for priority orphan health checkups... for 2 months.

Purchase of vegetable seeds and plants for small local kitchen gardens.

\$900 - Send one child to secondary school for one year... for uniforms, tuition fees, books and one daily meal.

Tailoring training for girls and boys for 5 months.

Additional cost of blankets annually.



Gifts are under the umbrella of St. Peter's, Cobourg as a registered charity ...

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