

MZUZU NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

MZUZU AIDS ORPHAN CARE PROGRAMME –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.

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.





The Latest News hot off the Press from 3 of the children

The first letter is from Arnold Liwewe

I have written this letter to appreciate for what you are doing for me and my fellow orphans. I am an orphan lost both of my parents and living with my grandmother. I was selected to a secondary school two years ago, and now I will start form 3 on 23 September 2025, and all this is possible because of your help. Without school fees from you I would have definitely been withdrawn from school.

Thank you so much for this. Also, we get other things from the orphanage, the word of God, tailoring, and writing skills, which is not easy to get for free here in my Country, a balanced diet, food every Saturday, how wonderful this is. Once again I really appreciate for these.

It is my request to you good people to continue helping us with what I have mentioned above.

On behalf of my fellow orphans I always pray to the Almighty God to bless, protect and be with you.

Yours faithfully

Arnold Liwewe



The second letter is from Precious Mtamba

I write to explain more on how we are doing here at St. Marks Orphanage. I and my friends here we are very happy with the help you give us. For example, food, school fees and many more. We thank you for that, apart from the things I have mentioned above, we are also able to interact with each other. This helps us to learn many skills of life. They also teach us good behaviour. This helps us to work hard and achieve our everyday goals. The school fees you provide to us have given us courage to work hard in our education so that one day we may stand on our own in the future. We also say thank you for that and school materials you give us.



I may not say everything that you give us, but I say thank you. We are glad for your help and support to us. On behalf of my fellow orphans, I say please continue supporting us in difference activities.

May God continue blessing you all and we are all fine here, and also hope you are all fine there.

Yours faithfully,

Precious Mtamba

The third letter is from Letson Bennie

The letter from Letson Bennie, St. Marks Orphanage

It is my hope you are doing good that side. Here all is great with me together with my other orphans.

Here is my brief beginning.

My father died years ago and left me and my younger brother with my mother. It is not easy to be raised by a mother alone, especially without a job. Therefore, she engages herself in selling green vegetables.



I am now in form 4 and my younger brother is in form 2 Thank you so much for including my brother on fees beneficiary for the academic year, otherwise he would have been withdrawn from school due to lack of fees.

At the orphanage we are not only having balanced diet meals but also other skills like tailoring, knitting and the word of God. How good this is to us.

My appreciations go to all of you. It is my humble request to you to continue helping us.

It is always my prayer the loving God will bless, guide and protect you all.

Lots of love to you all

Leston Bennie



The following letter is from the Chairlady Agness Chitoki of the Mother's Union

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are here to thank you for what you are doing to our children. You give us financial assistance for food, school fees, medicine, tailoring and knitting.

We also thank you for the allowance which you give us and special care for the H.I.V. We don't take this for granted, without you the Orphan care would have been history. May God bless you abundantly.

Although our budget is not enough, we try our level best to buy the items.

As Mother's Union, we start work on Friday morning, we usually come to buy all the items. Some of them we prepare on the same day like chicken and beans.

Then Saturday, we come early in the morning (6a.m.) to continue our duties. Our children take breakfast at 8.00a.m. After breakfast is when they go for different activities such as football, netball, sewing and knitting. Apart from these activities they are taught the Word of God. They have their lunch at 12 noon.



Our usual budget for

- Beans, rice, eggs and vegetables is 626,000 mwk
- Maize flour, chicken and vegetables is 700,000 mwk

As of now things are very expensive. The budget has been risen up to

- Beans, rice, eggs and vegetables is 788,000mwk
- Maize is 808,000 mwk

We know that things are hard, but we appreciate for what you are doing to the children.

Thank you so much and may the Almighty God's blessings be upon you always.

Mother's Union Committee Members

Chairlady – Agness Chikoti

Secretary – Margret Kalira

THANK YOU

At this time of 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.

MZUZU ANNUAL FUNDRAISER LUNCH

THE MZUZU COMMITTEE OF ST. PETER'S
INVITE YOU

COME AND ENJOY DELICIOUS SOUP,
SANDWICHES AND DESSERT, COFFEE & TEA
AND OF COURSE GOOD FELLOWSHIP

TO BE HELD IN THE GREAT HALL, ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COBOURG
AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE ON
SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH.

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 # 10803 8563 RR001. For more information, please visit our website: www.mzuzuchildren.com
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