

Mzuzu Newsletter June 2026

MZUZU AIDS ORPHAN CARE PROGRAM – CANADA-MALAWI



SMILES OF JOY AND HOPE

Your Canadian Mzuzu Orphan Care team are so grateful for the many donor supporters that have allowed us at St. Peter's, to send month by month funds to the orphan children at St. Mark's Anglican in Mzuzu. Once again, we have been able to assist these young children to grow in faith and in health, hopefully stronger to face the common struggles of life.

We would not want to forget the super volunteer teams on the ground in 2025 in Mzuzu who faithfully care for these little lives' week by week. Paul Kamlaza is our coordinator and with his team of Mothers Union ladies and indeed also with children's guardians who bring these little ones Saturday by Saturday to the parish church. We are able to see many children become educated and able to enter the work force eventually.

Your team is also fortunate to have a private donor foundation to provide funding for the building of over 100 latrines to date. This critical initiative for the greater community is preventing water borne disease.

On behalf of the entire team, Mzuzu and Cobourg, we want to thank each person who so generously gave to this outreach program with weekly feeding, nursing care, dentistry, tailoring and spiritual teaching. In addition, we were able to send 7 children to secondary school and assist 4 students with post-secondary education at universities and colleges in Malawi.

Thank you
Colin Turnpenney, Coordinator, St. Peter's Anglican.

Letter received from a very Grateful Mother Giving thanks with a thankful heart

I, Naomi Sanga Mwenda, a mother of Tamaliza Mwendasanga write to express my heart felt gratitude to you and your entire team for the financial support you rendered to my family. As a single parent bringing up my 3 children alone was very challenging, both financially and emotionally, but God has seen us through until now. When my daughter had the opportunity to pursue her college education, it became a great moment of hope for my family. I was deeply grateful that she was advantaged to be one of the students who received a scholarship from the Orphanage, which made her education possible.

Tamaliza studied at the Malawi College of Health Sciences, where she pursued a Diploma in Pharmacy. Throughout her studies, she demonstrated dedication, resilience, and determination despite the challenges we faced as a family.

As a parent, providing higher education for my children has not been easy. There were many moments of uncertainty, but I remained prayerful and hopeful. When we were struggling to find school fees, Tamaliza would always encourage me by saying, "Mama, God will provide, and He will surprise us." Those words strengthened my faith and reminded me to trust in God even during difficult times. As a parent, my dream for Tamara's future is not only to see her succeed but also to continue her studies and become a fully qualified pharmacist. I pray that she will grow into a successful, responsible, and God-fearing health professional who will use her knowledge and skills to serve the community with compassion and integrity. My hope is that she will continue advancing academically and professionally so that she can make an even greater impact in the healthcare sector.

The scholarship has been a tremendous blessing to me, as a single parent, the financial burden of college fees was heavy, and at times it felt overwhelming. This support lifted that burden and gave me peace. It allowed Tamaliza to concentrate fully on her studies without the constant stress of school fees and upkeep. It restored my hope and strengthened my faith.

If Tamaliza had been unable to attend college, her life would have been very different. Opportunities for professional growth would have been limited, and she might have struggled to find stable employment. This education has opened doors for her, strengthened her confidence, and given her a foundation for a secure and meaningful future. The day she graduated, my heart was filled with overwhelming joy and gratitude because I saw God's faithfulness and the fulfillment of a journey that once seemed impossible for me.

I clearly see God's hand throughout Tamaliza's journey. From her acceptance into college, to receiving the scholarship at the right time, to successfully completing her diploma, I have

witnessed God’s faithful provision. During moments of despair, I held onto the promise in Philippians 4:19:



“And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

This verse has carried my family through difficult times. It reminds me that even in hardship, God is my provider and sustainer.

As a parent, I am deeply grateful to everyone who made this scholarship possible. Your generosity has not only changed Tamaliza’s life but has strengthened my family’s faith and given her hope to pursue even higher dreams. May God richly bless you for being instruments of His provision.

With sincere gratitude

Naomi Sanga Mwenda

her picture as a Pharmacy Technician.

Blanket Request



Early in 2026 our Mzuzu orphan children team leader in Malawi told us of recent floods in the area that took out bridges, roads and a number of mud brick homes. Summer in Mzuzu was turning into winter once again. Once the rains have gone the climate grows cold at night, often 6 degrees C and below. As there is no natural warmth indoors you can understand how the

children get colds and flu. So, we realized at St. Peter’s that blankets were needed, and these orphans had not received any blankets from us for over two years. Paul Kamlaza our St. Mark’s orphan care team leader asked the Mothers Union ladies to find out the cost, and they went to the Chinese shops in Mzuzu and came back with reasonable prices – which amounted to over \$3,000. Canadian for 250 blankets. Over two months we decided by faith to send 50% support funds each month to cover the costs. Now most of the children have at least 1 new blanket to help keep them warm. Our budget is limited, but at least we have been able to help.



The photos show the children receiving new blankets. The Team thank all of you for being so generous and showing love to these children. May the Lord bless you all.

Please remember we also send funds for food, HIV support, tailoring, dental and health care.

A report from Nurse Wezzie who attends the children

Mzuzu Anglican Orphanage is best home ever which deals with the children who lost their parents, in short, we can say children who are orphans. In Psalm 23 verse 1 it says, "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want." Mzuzu Anglican Orphanage is a triple therapy where it deals with the physical needs of the children which includes basic needs (food, & clothing), Spiritual needs which involve (sharing words of God through preaching & singing gospel songs).

In addition to that we have Health needs, we for surely know that in everything we do good well being of every human being there must be good mental Health. At Mzuzu Anglican Orphanage we also Outpatient clinic where we help those who are sick. As a nurse I always make sure that every child who is sick should be treated accordingly with human respect & dignity. A lot of Diagnoses which these children tend to suffer includes - cough, Gastritis, Gastel intestinal, Tinea Curpitis, Tinea versicolour, Headache & worm infestation. Although these children could seek help through giving them treatment but as a care giver, I also face challenges due to lack of adequate supply of drugs & other health equipment's which are always out of stocks due to lack of enough funding.

It's my plea that your consideration to supply us with health equipment's & drugs is thanked in advance. Thank U!!! Nurse Wezzie



Latest photos we have received from Paul Kamlaza





Paul Kamlaza has sent a detailed list of all that happens in Mzuzu helping to support the children -



FEEDING: The total number of orphans is 250 and as of now we have only 30 guardians which in total 280 beneficiaries. This is for nsima+chicken meat + vegetables+fruits+ breakfast one week and week 2 rice +beans +an egg, fruit, vegetables and breakfast.



HEALTH: This helps the children and their guardians a lot. when they are sick, going to private clinics is very expensive and always no medicine in government hospitals. Most of them are HIV positive. Thanks to our nurse Wezzie for the job well done.

The dentist Dr Vinkhumbo helps the children with dental care. is the owner of Grace of God Dental clinic where the orphans go for dental treatment when need rises. Since most of our children are HIV positive, we also give them nutritious flour for porridge.



SEWING AND TAILORING: This another important activity for the children. Ruth and Josephine are doing their best making sure the selected children are getting enough knowledge on sewing and tailoring so that when they leave us after 18 years, they will have something to do or getting a job which in turn will help them. Most of them are able to make dresses, aprons etc.

EDUCATION

SECONDARY SCHOOL - we have a good number of children selected to various secondary schools, but we only have 7 who we support namely:

- 1.Precious Mtambo selected to a boarding sec school now in form 3. Remaining with 3 terms to complete secondary school education.
- 2.Precious Mwambira selected to a boarding sec sch now in form 3. Remaining with 3 terms to complete secondary school education.
- 3.Chisomo Mbewe, Arnold Liwewe and Armstrong Phiri. They are in form 3. Remaining with 3 terms to complete secondary school education.
- 4.Unique Chima and Favour Beni. They are in form 2. Remaining with 6 terms to complete sec school education.
- 5.They will need financial support to continue their courses and for books and writing materials each term.

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL|: Many thanks go to you all good people on this program. 7 children who benefited and completed their studies are as follows:

- 1.Veronica Kandulu completed Diploma in Hospitality Management at Malawi Institute of Tourism, now she is working.
- 2.Winnie Khunga completed Diploma in Psychosocial Counselling at St John of God College of Health Sciences, now is working.
- 3.Fredrick Nyirongo completed Diploma in Hospitality Management at Malawi Institute of Tourism now working.
- 4.Mary Gondwe completed Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery Technician at St John's College for Health sciences now working.
- 5.Tapiwa Kalira completed Diploma in Public Health at Domasi development college now working.
- 6.Tamara Mwenda completed Diploma in pharmacy at Kamuzu College for Health Sciences, now working.
- 7.Obed Mbewe completed Diploma in Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering at University of Malawi (Zomba)

STILL IN COLLEGES

- 1.Shadreck Mwale; doing a degree program in Mathematical Sciences at Malawi University of Science and Technology. Remaining with 6 semesters and to complete in December 2029.

2. Mercy Kaluvi; doing a bachelor's degree in education at Domasi College Education. Remaining with 6 semesters to complete in December 2029.
3. Wezzie W Phiri; doing a bachelor's degree in education. Remaining with 6 semesters to complete in December 2029.
4. Elizabeth Jere; doing a bachelor's degree in education sciences. Remaining with 5 semesters to complete in June 2028.

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



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