

MZUZU NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

MZUZU AIDS ORPHAN CARE PROGRAMME – CANADA-MALAWI



SMILES OF HOPE AND JOY!!

The Story so far

In the summer of 2005, St. Peter's Cobourg received an urgent appeal from Father Chifisi at our partner church of St. Mark's in Mzuzu. St. Mark's was attempting to feed 250 AIDS Orphans once a month but was in financial distress and unable to keep their commitment. The current MAOCP grew out of that original request. The parishes of St. Peter's and St. Marks have successfully created a unique program to ensure that these children will grow and thrive in their own rich, indigenous culture.

A small group at St. Peter's agreed to develop a program to fund these children for a weekly feeding each Saturday. Through generous annual donations, monthly sponsorships, and creative fundraising it soon became apparent that we could successfully meet the financial responsibility of weekly feeding. Even a small contribution can bring about tremendous changes in the lives of our 250 orphans. These children live in their family hut often headed by the oldest sibling and if fortunate are watched over by a neighbor guardian. Rather than being sent away to orphanages, they can go to school, receive medical help, and learn new skills in their own community.

This approach gives them new hope and help reduce poverty in their lives. The children receive gifts of food, clothing and other important items in individual packages, and the Mother's Union volunteers manage the secondary school children's needs similarly.

Up to date news

The following letters have been received –



Dear Sir/Madam,

Orphan Care

On my writing, I will explain more about support, love and care that you provide for my fellow orphans and I.

My name is Mumba Gift and I am 18 years old. I came from Mzuzu in Mbiliyawaka village which is 6km to reach the orphan centre where my fellow orphans and I gather every weekend. I am studying at Merger Bay Secondary School in Form 4.

First of all, I want to greet you all there and to thank God if you are fine. Here also I am fine. I want to thank you for your support to us as an orphan.

Not only that, I also thank you for school fees, books, clothes and many others, and also for empowering my fellow orphans and I with manual works for example tailoring that will be helping us to earn a certain living. I have an ambition to become a lawyer. Thank you all for being my providers. God bless you at all times.

Yours faithfully

Mumba Gift

Dear Sir/Madam,



I hope you are fine; my name is Emmanuel Simaka aged 17. I come from Mzuzu in Chiputute village which is about 2 km to reach St. Marks Orphan Centre.

I am doing in form 3 at Moyate Secondary School.

Firstly, my fellow orphans and I would like to thank you all for everything that you are doing for us by school fees and tailoring, which will be helping us to earn a certain living. I have an ambition.

To become a teacher, thank you all for being my providers.

Once again, I thank you all. God bless you.

Yours faithfully

Emmanuel Simwaka



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Mervis Kawenga of 17 years of age living at Katoto Mzuzu City.

Currently I am doing in form 2 at Katoto Secondary School. I would like to thank you all for every support you are making to my fellow orphans and myself. Apart from feeding, which occurs every weekend. I am also privileged to learn tailing. The support of school fees, uniform, shoes, Books, to mention a few, are here for me.

Once again, I say thank you, may God bless you all.

Yours faithfully

Mervis Kawenga

I write to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible work done to my life, as I am one of the participating members in the Anglican Orphan Care.

This program has shown me that there are compassionate souls who stand by me in times of need. My education is going so well, I get all necessary materials for my education. I get financial support, health care, spiritual support. The program not only support me materially but also has uplifted my spirit and given me hope in activities that help me believe in myself and give me hope for a better future.

I am truly blessed to be part of this program which is selflessly made me to have a better tomorrow. From the bottom of my heart, I give thanks to this organisation for the incredible generosity, compassion and love. This kindness has touched my life in ways that words cannot fully express, and I will forever be grateful for the support.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards.
Chisomo

I write this with a heart full of gratitude and appreciation for the remarkable generosity and support towards my life. As one of the many beneficiaries of the kindness Anglican Orphan Care provides. I feel compelled to express my deepest thanks for the impact this program has had on my life and the lives of so many.

The unswerving commitment to the facility had not only provided me with the basic necessity I need to thrive but has also given me hope and a source of security in an otherwise uncertain world.

The contribution goes a long way in ensuring that I have had access to education, healthcare and most importantly love and support. School fees being paid for me, education materials provided learning, work such as tailoring have helped me dreaming big ad work towards a brighter future.

With heartfelt thanks and warm regards.

Arnold Liwewe



Members of the Mother's Union preparing food for the Mzuzu Orphans.



Preparing the parcels of bathing, laundry soap, toothpaste, and toothbrush.

Some of the guardians and children with their parcels of bathing, laundry soap and toothpaste, toothbrush

DENTAL PROGRAM

The Dental Program is one of the activities besides Feeding of Mzuzu Orphan Care Centre at St. Marks Anglican Church. The program targets all Orphans registered with the Centre. Services that are provided are -

1-Oral Health Education for Dental or Oral diseases Prevention

2-Screening for early detection of Oral problems



3-Referring for treatment.

We believe the general health and disease resistance of these children depends a lot on eating a healthy well-balanced diet. To eat a healthy balanced diet they need to have a mouth that is free from dental caries, gum disease and sores.

We thank all those who support this program and we ask them to continue so that we continue educating these children on how they can prevent themselves from contracting Oral as well as General body Diseases and advise to seek medical attention at an early stage.

Through these children preventive messages reach playmates and parents covering a wider community.

Dr. Vinkhumbo, dentist



Gathering together on a Saturday morning

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

\$100

Purchase five 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 five 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 five 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.

\$750

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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