

THE LANDIRANI TRUST

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- Soon to have a detailed map of the area
- Orphan lunches a great success
- Farewell to Essie Longwe
- Special Christmas gifts

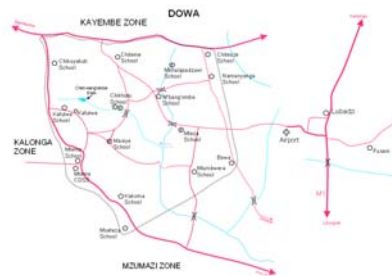
MAPPING AREA

Simon Hones, our Vicar from St. Matthews Church, Surbiton joined us during our October trip. In September he linked up with MapAction who are a charity who map disaster areas. They provided training for Simon to use a GPS and relevant software to gather information on our area and get a map produced. Since we started the charity, it has proved a problem getting full information of schools, water sources, rivers, villages, clinics and road positions. Now we can produce a map of the area we are



supporting and this will not only help us in prioritizing areas of need, but also to apply for future funding.

with markings in black and white indicating the link between the two countries. (picture above)



The start of our map!

St Matthew's Church was also linked with Chim-wang'ombe Church, with a gift of a hardwood staff being presented to Simon

Simon was also involved with setting up an 'Orphan Maize garden'. More information on these in our item later.

MASIYE PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE



First block is complete, Pre-school complete, kitchen and store room complete and first toilet block complete. The second block will be finished by Christmas and first teacher's house complete by January 2008. The second teacher's house foundations are ready along with the third school block foundations.

Problems: Our problems are lack of firewood to fire the brick ovens. There is a lot of deforestation in Malawi and especially in our area. We shall be putting in a reforestation program next year.

ORPHAN LUNCHES

The orphan lunches were started in August but unfortunately three of the schools did not have them since the passing away of Essie Longwe our Assistant

Director.

We fed between 150—200 orphans at each of the schools with nsima and a cabbage relish. At one school we also provided sticks of sugar



Orphans eating their lunch

cane which were supplied from the Landirani Demonstration Farm. We played games with the children. A large parachute caused great fun and the first experience any of these children would have in using tennis rackets and balls

provided by SJB Tennis, Canbury Gardens, Kingston and Gay Dominey. Skipping ropes provided by a donation from Susanne Rhodes and playing football and netball matches were played using coloured bibs bought by the trust. The excitement of using the bibs was incredible. If anyone would like to donate a set of bibs so that teams know who they are playing against! Please contact info@landirani.org.

150—200 orphans fed at 3 Primary Schools



Playing with tennis rackets and the excitement of playing Netball with coloured bibs!

CHILDREN COULD SHARE THEIR TALENTS

After the Orphan lunches the children showed us some of their talents. These ranged from Traditional dances with Traditional drumming to reading out poetry and showing things that they had made using local natural resources.



Traditional dancing and drumming

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

School Partnerships were started in August this year by our visitors Matt, Sumil, Claire, Sarah and Ali. To read more of their work go to the August 2007 report on the website www.landirani.org.

Chikhutu, Chibwata and M'Bang'ombe Primary schools were visited in October to gather photos and information, so that they can be linked with a school in the UK.

The children in Malawi would like to "work together and learn traditions and culture from each others country"

The Landirani Trust will be producing a School Information Pack on 'typical village life in Malawi' next year aimed at Key Stage 2. If a school is interested in acquiring one of these please inquire at: info@landirani.org It will have a DVD,



Chibwata Primary School

children's true life stories and curriculum links, along with general information and maps of Malawi.

ESSIE'S MEMORIAL

It was very sad to say 'goodbye' to Essie our Assistant Director who passed away in August. A large gap has been left and her bubbly laughing voice is missed. She was wonderful at motivating the women in the village and will be very sadly missed.

[www. Essie](http://www.Essie)

Wonderful,
Wonderful
Woman
Essie



We say goodbye to Essie Longwe our Assistant Director who passed away in August 2007

SAD NEWS ABOUT LESA AND JACOB



We also say goodbye to Lesa who died in July and Jacob who died in August. Both disabled orphan children were being supported by the Landirani Trust.



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Orphan vegetable gardens

Children in the Primary schools are preparing for the vegetable gardens by making the grass fencing and growing the seedlings. Chibwata School now has the drip feed irrigation system in place with a water drum and timber tower.

We shall hopefully take over the school 'drums for Africa' in April when we take a group out to work in the villages. Unfortunately Heather got

a nail in her ankle while helping set up Chibwata Primary School, returning to the UK in time to get to hospital with cellulitis (blood poisoning) followed by an ankle operation to release the infection. 6 weeks on and now with a secondary infection in the wound she is still not walking!



Future stars of Malawi!

This family from Mpamba village were filmed for our School Pack. Their daily life in the village was filmed by Sam Palmer included cooking, cleaning, looking after the dimba (vegetable garden), walking to school, life at school and going to the local market. Interviews with the chief of the village and a teacher. This will inform children in the UK about typical life in a Malawi village. Ready in 2008.

FUNDRAISING

This Autumn we have been running 'Drums for Africa'. We have gone into Primary Schools to talk about making the Orphan Vegetable gardens and how they can help with this. Drums are important to the traditional culture of dance in Malawi, but although providing happiness it cannot help with feeding the orphan and vulnerable children. Water drums are provided to the schools, which are then decorated and filled with items that can help the school and help provide seed and gardening tools for the vegetable garden.

Knollmead Primary completed theirs which was decorated by Samah, Rebecca and Lucy (yrs 4 and 3). It was overfull with exercise books, packets of seeds, pens, pencils and useful things for the school.



Surbiton Festival, September 2007
Pip our new Fundraising Manager

2008 Black & white calendars available for £5 + p & p.
book on
landirani@pipwhately.co.



If you would like to help run a fundraising event, please contact Pip at landirani@pipwhately.co.uk

Christmas gifts

Make a difference to someone by buying one of our gift vouchers. You can buy your mum a pig or your uncle a blanket, maybe your niece 'food to feed an orphan for a year'. The choices are from £2 for a chicken to £5,000 to a double school block.

Look at our list on the website and you can pay by paypal or cheque.

Think about donating £5 per month. This could sponsor a Secondary School child, or go towards helping the orphans in their community.

Give a gift to one of the orphans this year!