

THE LANDIRANI TRUST

SUPPORTING ORPHANS IN MALAWI
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Our Vision:

A healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi

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668 CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM DISTRIBUTION

In the beginning of June a distribution of clothes and blankets were given to 668 orphan and vulnerable children.

184 blankets were distributed as it is now approaching winter and temperatures get down to 6 degrees in the night. Most of the orphans sleep directly on mud floors and are in rags, so you can imagine how cold they get.

The blankets and clothes were donations from the UK and from the Red Cross in Malawi. Thanks to all who contributed.



668 children were distributed with clothing and blankets

This takes a lot of organizing from the Orphan Care Committees, Executive Team and our UK Volunteer workers in Malawi. None of these people get paid and are dedicated to helping the orphans.

SADLY LIZ HAD TO GO HOME DUE TO ILLNESS



Liz was raring to go and excited about her new role as Project Manager, when in the end of March she discovered a lump in her neck. She had suspected thyroid cancer and had to go to South Africa for an operation. Unfortunately her insurance company would not let her return to Malawi and she had to come back to the UK. She is having further treatment in the UK and we hope that some day she will return to Malawi.

We all wish her a speedy recovery .

APRIL VOLUNTEER TRIP

On April 4th we left from Heathrow with a group of 16 volunteers and 6 water drums! The trip was two weeks and the projects completed this year were all connected with Primary Schools.

At Masiye we helped set up an orphan vegetable garden along with painting 'Masiye School' along the outside windows. We had an orphan lunch, sharing with the children from that school. A water drum was donated to the school from **St Mathews**

Primary School and the contents were presented to the Head Teacher. We also had a great time playing games with the children.

At Namanyanga School we painted classrooms and repainted the blackboards, leaving 4 renovated classes. We also presented a water drum from **Coombe Infant School** which will be going into their orphan vegetable garden. We started the garden by making the fencing and digging the ground.



Kafumbi, Jacob and Richard presenting the barrel at Masiye School.

Most of the volunteer's time was spent at M'Bang'ombe school, We presented a water drum from **Long Ditton Infant School** and had time to play with the children and share

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

MADD (Make a difference day) is time to share lunch with the orphans from one of the schools and play games with them. We have given equipment to the school which included skipping ropes, tennis racquets, a large parachute and football and netball. We had 3 MAD days during our volunteer trip in April.



A successful and exhausting April Volunteer trip

AT M'BANG'OMBE WE CEMENTED TWO CLASS FLOORS PAINTED TWO CLASSROOMS AND HELPED SET UP AN ORPHAN VEGETABLE GARDEN

The pupils, volunteers and builders from Masiye School all got stuck into putting in two new classroom cemented floors.



SEAN AND MAIRI VOLUNTEER AS PART OF THEIR HONEYMOON

Sean and Mairi were married at the end of last year and spent 5 months traveling around Asia before coming to join The Landirani Trust at the end of April. They have been amazing as they have stepped in to fill the place of Project Manager while we find a new one.



Our thanks to Sean and Mairi for all their hard work.

Their background is Social work and they are taking on a project of setting up 'Children's Corners' which are set up by UNICEF. Mairi and Fixon, our Outreach worker, attended a 9 day

training with UNICEF which we plan to use in the near future. The Children's Corners help orphans come to terms with their situation and looks at the emotional needs of the children. They are also improving our Beneficiary list to make it more workable. Our thanks to all their hard work.

MASIYE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our second teacher's house was completed in May and sadly now the project has come to a stand still. We are waiting for more bricks to be made to continue the build.

We are looking at alternative building materials to carry on the project.

The children have cleared a lot of the grounds and put pathways in, so it is starting to look less like a building site!



Masiye School in April 2008

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A **big thank you** to Mat and Nicky who filmed and took photographs in Malawi in April

Nicky will be doing a photographic exhibition next year.

Mat has produced a brilliant promotional DVD for Landirani. He also produced a DVD to give to all the participating schools for the BIGFOOT

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Future events—BIGFOOT!

THE BIGGEST FOOTPRINT MADE FROM CHILDREN'S PAINTED FOOTPRINTS



Our BIGFOOT Guinness World record attempt is nearly upon us. The event takes place on Friday 4th July and is hosted at Tolworth Girls Secondary School and open to the public from 4 pm. The footprint will be made from over 5,500 children's feet from around the Borough of Kingston and the outside of the footprint will be made of children's footprints done in Malawi during the April trip.

Our Director, Kafumbi Njewa is coming over for the event and going around schools taking part in assemblies to help spread the awareness of the difficulty the orphan and vulnerable children have in Malawi.

FUNDRAISING

Recent events:

- In March we had a successful Art day at Maple Infant School and they want us to return for more at some point.
- Eileen Speak had a very successful evening of fun on March 7th which raised funds for the April Volunteer trip.
- We are continuing with our Drums for Africa and had another couple of drums taken which are currently being painted and filled with useful items for schools. These will be used as water drums in the Orphan Vegetable gardens.

- Raffle tickets are now on sale £1 each. First prize is a weeks holiday in a gite in the Loire Valley, with private, heated pool. 2nd prize is a digital camera and there are many other prizes. Raffle to be drawn on 5th July, at the Pavilion Party

- 26th June and hot off the press a very warm welcoming Malawi evening was held on the arrival of Kafumbi Njewa. We had around 60 people attending.



Kafumbi Njewa with Trustees, Judith Mackie, Paul Mackie, Heather Palmer, Gaynor Cook and Nigel Palmer at a special service at St Matthews Church on 29th June.

CD's of songs sung from children at M'Bang'ombe School, recorded in a classroom! Amazing sound!

Order on the website @ £7.50 each



Eileen's fundraising evening and everyone had 'fun'.

Up and coming events:

4th July—Guinness Book of Records attempt at Tolworth Girls School open to the public from 4.00—5.30

5th July—Drums for Chimbusi held at the Pavilion in Canbury Gardens. This is a bar-b-q and there will be an auction and draw of the big Raffle. Money raised at this event will go towards putting in eco-toilets.

19th September—Tapas Evening. Please note change of date.

25th October - Back by popular demand our **Indulgence Day** filled with pampering massage, manicure and chilled music.

If you would like further details contact our Fundraising Manager, Pip, at pip@landirani.org or info@landirani.org