

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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CONGOMA REGISTERED!

In December 2008 we finally got registered as an NGO in Malawi, which took us two years! This has opened up opportunities for us to work more in partnership with other NGO's and the Malawi Government.

2009 feels a very positive year of growth for The Landirani Trust!

NEW FACES IN MALAWI TEAM



Rev. Winston Kawale
Malawi Trustee



Mr Clement Chimchenga
Malawi Trustee



Catherine Salima
Masiye Centre



Haile Manuel
Chikuyakuti Centre

Executive Committee members



The main Malawi Team gathered together in March 2009, outside Kafutwe School, which is one of our supported schools.

Kafumbi Njewa, two new Malawi Trustees, Fickson Phiri (outreach worker) eight Executive Committee members and Liz Bartley; who has returned to us fit and well and is co-ordinating all our Educational Projects.

Welcome back Liz!

Fickson Phiri, our Outreach worker is now mobile on a motorbike, rather than a bicycle. He took a two week training course and is now a very competent rider. This has made his life much easier and he works in a close relationship with Kafumbi, liaising with all our thirteen centres.



School Partnerships

Eileen Speak, our School Partnership co-ordinator came out to Malawi in April to visit all the 5 link schools and pass on information from the UK schools.

The theme for this trip was for children to learn about 'homes' in each other's countries.

We took groups of children in Malawi to their local village where they drew their homes. They had their first experience of using media such as charcoal.

Nyani (the monkey) came on his second visit to Malawi and thoroughly enjoyed eating the bumper harvest of pumpkins this year.



To read in more detail of the partnership trip, go to the website and read the Link Newsletter.

Umodzi - Unity

We gathered information for linking two new schools.

Chitsime school is now linked with The Mall School in Twickenham and Chikuyakuti is to be confirmed.

Next Link visit theme will be on 'games'.



Eileen being offered pumpkins!



APRIL VOLUNTEER TRIP

For two weeks we had 15 volunteers plus our Malawi based team working together with the local communities, improving their school environments and putting in clean water sources.

We completed 6 painted classrooms, 5 shallow wells, 2 school toilets, renovated broken windows in 2 school blocks and played with the children.

We also had a fantastic break to Lake Malawi in the middle of the two weeks.

Working together is invaluable to building a relationship with our support communities.



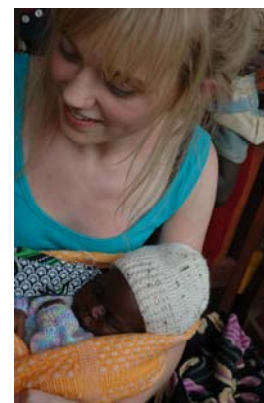
Building up wells in the villages and playing with the children.



Renovating the windows that had fallen out of two classrooms.



Dama wearing the latest fashion!



Katie with orphan baby Chikondi (Love) Grand-mother left trying to feed her on baby formula.

CONTAINER ARRIVED SAFELY

Thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help with the container.

After arriving in Lilongwe in December, the container was not released by customs until March!

There was great excitement as it was craned into position next to the office and given the all clear for items to be distributed. We are still fighting claims on storage and paying duty on some items.



We have been distributing as much as possible to the schools and have already hired two 5 ton lorries to deliver furniture. The children and staff are most grateful for all the donations.

We are now looking at designs to convert the container into a clinic, which will be centrally placed in our support region. Please contact us if you want to get involved in this project.



SCHOOL GROWING PROJECTS



In January we planted **8,000 seedlings**, as part of our reforestation project. **Seeds for Africa** donated money for these projects. We were also donated 1,000 trees from the Ministry of Mines, who look after the Forestry department in Malawi. 8 schools benefited in this exciting new project, to redress the deforestation.



The fruit orchards, one year on, are growing really well. The children are all allocated an individual tree to look after. They name each tree! Below is Zacchaeus (aply named) with his papaya tree at Kakoma School.



Six schools have now received training on their organic vegetable gardens, below Masiye nursery and M'bang'ombe planting out seedlings.



Reforestation of Acacia trees / banana and papaya trees growing / vegetable nursery and vegetable seedlings planted out.

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A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to help Landirani. All your efforts are very much appreciated.

Zikomo kwambiri


April 2009

Local artist illustrated books for Landirani.

Adam Newton, a graduate from the Illustration Degree at Kingston University, has illustrated 3 'real life children's stories' for us. Adam came out as a volunteer with Landirani in April. We hope to see more artwork from this talented artist. Books were sold at our 'Stories from Malawi' event on 8/9th May. We are setting up a shop, so you can buy books and postcards through the website.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Recent events:

- Project4africa is raising money to complete Namanyanga School. We hope to raise enough money to build 2 school blocks by the end of the year. They have had people run the Marathon in Paris, along with a fun-run of 5km and 10km locally. Look at their website to find updates on their progress and other fundraising events you can support. Thanks to all the team at project4africa for their continued hard work.
www.project4africa.co.uk

- Stories from Malawi went down fantastically with many positive comments. Children from King Athelstan did brilliant performances of the three stories that Adam Newton (top of page) illustrated. Thanks to Sarah Macdonald for organising the drama and thanks to Lesley Hutchinson who performed for the first time in a long time! It was also the launch of the Malawi School Pack, and 10 copies were sold during the event. These will be available to purchase on the website when we have our shop. Meanwhile email info@landirani.org for details.

- Pantomime 'None o'yer messing about' based lightly on Narnia, proceeds partly went to Landirani. £2,093.01 in total. Thanks to Lesley Hutchinson



- The Marathon Man
Thanks to Brian Heywood who competed and completed the London Marathon for the first time in just over 4.5 hours. Amazing! Total raised still being counted. He wants to do it again next year, so please support him.
Thanks Brian



'Stories from Malawi'
Money raised for
water projects

Up and coming events:

Summer Indulgence

Saturday 13th June. 10—5pm
A day of massage, pimmis, strawberries and fun. How could you resist! Contact pip@landirani.org to book a treatment, or come along and enjoy the garden. Money to go towards a Landirani Book Lending Library serving our Malawi schools.

Tolworth Girls School

Recycled Fashion show

Friday 3rd July. Time to join fashion and music to raise money for much needed clean water sources in our support area. More details to follow.

Landirani Festival

Saturday 5th September

Back by request from last year, but bigger and better. An afternoon of music, children's entertainment., refreshments, food and fun. A fantastic family affair. Proceeds to Health projects and composting toilets.

For any of our event details please contact Pip at pip@landirani.org