

MALAWI MISSION PROJECTS

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NEWS

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What a Challenge!

We received a request for four boreholes for KARONGA area, some 295km from the Centre.

These villages have had no clean, safe drinking water: the only water they had was from small streams and holes dug by animals.

The area is remote, some 12km from the nearest road. From information we have received, the villages have not had, from earliest days of Empire, clean water. They were quite cut off from the rest of society: If they could not make it or grow it they did without. They have no money to buy, only barter, but now because of the generosity of people on the Island, we have been able to give the go-ahead for the work.

The report received last week was that two villages, Vinthukutu and Hombe, now have plenty of safe, clean water.

A third village, Matula, after going down 51 metres, it was found to be a dry hole, but we had to pay for the drilling and waiting time of over a day while a road was cut through the bush, also mobilisation and staff costs.

Maula Village was impossible to reach with the drilling equipment—no road, dense wooded area, uneven ground. I thank God I don't live in rural Africa. I feel sad for the people of these villages as at this time we could not give them safe, clean water.

The two villages which now have boreholes will also receive 100 trees each—in this case they will all be fruit trees; we normally give fast-growing trees for coppicing—wood is not a problem due to the thick wooded area they live in.

No photos yet. We may receive some for the next newsletter.

The Good News

The Community Centre in Dawa Village is completed and the roof is on the other building at Sani



And there is more...



We have also packed 45 boxes which have been sent across for onward shipping to Malawi later in the year. Now my wife is very happy to be able to use the drier without climbing over the boxes.

We share a container with our friends at Christian African Relief Trust. Without them it would be very costly. The container is expected to go out later in the year. We have emailed the people who will receive the boxes. They have said that they will make sure that the people in the village outside Blantyre which has the greatest need will receive some of the clothes, shoes, toys and sporting equipment.

Without your support we could not meet the needs of these people in rural Malawi.



This time we won!

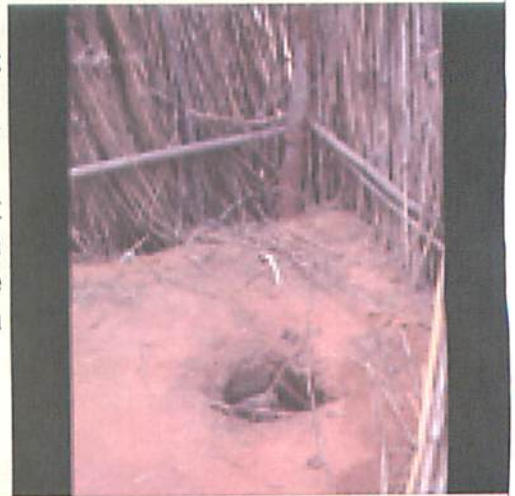
A team of young people from King William's College, made up of Katherine Bamber, Gaia Manner-Armstrong, Noel Abanum, Michael Chapman, Tom Fayle and Radheswari Measuria decided to enter, on behalf of Malawi Missions Projects, the One World Charity Challenge, sponsored by the Davidson Trust. There was a very high standard set by all the young people who took part from the schools and colleges of the Isle of Man. The pupils from King William's College won the first prize of £4000 with their excellent programme.



The Requests Keep Coming In.

We have received a request for a maize mill at the orphanage, a donation wanted towards building a youth club and **two sets of pit latrines for boys and girls at Ketete Primary School.**

The people at Ketete want pit latrines for the girls in particular so that there would be an increase in girls at the school. There has also been a request for a borehole at a training college and many other requests.



I would like to thank everybody for their concern about me.

I had a stent fitted at Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool in February 2010 and am hoping to get the all clear on 26th July 2010.

Derek

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We would also like to thank **Island I. T. Computer Solutions for Business** for supplying and setting up our new computer system. (Email: ANDY@ISLAND.IM)