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Welcome to our Christmas newsletter. It has been another exciting year for Hope4Malawi, starting new projects and developing existing ones. We are thankful to the rural communities in Malawi for their input and hard work and are grateful for your commitment and support.

### Namende Primary becomes the third school to join our feeding programme

Children at Namende school were overjoyed to start their school year celebrating the introduction of a new feeding programme provided by Hope4Malawi.

Namende is an isolated rural school, a two hour walk from the tar road. With the help of St David's Prep, King's School Ely, St Mary's Beaconsfield and funds raised at our Open Garden Event we were able to commit to a feeding programme for a year. The community built a shelter as a temporary kitchen where volunteers from local villages prepare the porridge daily for the children. On the first day of school the children were very excited to receive a mug for their porridge and the team from Hope4Malawi had pleasure in serving each child their first school lunch.

The headteacher Mr Kantuwanje showed great gratitude for the feeding programme saying **'Many of the children registered don't come to school regularly because of poverty and malnutrition. The school lunches will make a huge difference.'** Since September the number of children attending Namende regularly has almost doubled to 700. We are hopeful that the health of the children will improve and they will be better able to concentrate in class.



### Our Christmas Appeal

**Why not provide school lunches for the children at Namende next year? It costs £12 a year per child.**

**To donate please send your contributions to Hope4Malawi, 26 Northey Avenue, Cheam SM2 7HR or donate at [www.mydonate.bt.com/events/namende](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/events/namende)**

## Update on building Chipwepwete Secondary School

In September we were thrilled to complete the purchase of the land for the site of the secondary school at Chipwepwete. Site plans have been drawn up and agreed by Fisherman's Rest and the Education Authorities. The community has embraced this project and are clearing the site ready for it to be levelled and for foundations to be dug.

This project is close to the heart of the community because although several children from Chipwepwete passed the exams at the end of primary school this July, they were unable to continue their education because of shortage of places at the nearest secondary school an hour and a half away.



Secondary school site adjoining primary school



Agreeing purchase of the land with the village headman



Secondary School Site Plan

## Secondary School sponsorship programme expands

The first cohort of ten pupils sponsored through Hope4Malawi have completed their first year studies. The students were grateful to their individual sponsors for their support including taking the time to get to know them by exchanging letters.

At the end of the summer holidays five members of the Hope4Malawi team spent a fantastic morning with these pupils at their old primary school, Mpemba where they help in the holidays. During the morning they made posters and presented ideas of how they could improve the life of young people in Malawi. Eric, who is fifteen said: **'I want to help others see the importance of education. I want to help the needy in their education as I have been helped'**. Another student, Chimwembe was passionate about wanting to stop marriage for children and instead helping them to go to school. They were also delighted to receive text books and a bag with which to start the new school year.

The success of the programme and the fact that students at Mpemba and other schools are performing better due to the feeding programmes and libraries, has meant that this September Hope4Malawi committed to arranging sponsorship for a further twenty three boys and girls who were selected to district and national secondary schools. David, a Hope4Malawi team member, who helped interview the pupils said: **'I met one talented young man who lives in a hut with a grass roof and dirt floor - but who can now go to a very good school, which will hugely improve his life chances'**.



## Trinity School Croydon makes an impact

A huge thank you to all the students, staff and parents at Trinity School, Croydon who have raised funds for the feeding programme and a new classroom block at Chipwepwete which will be opened before the rainy season starts.

In July, twenty five Sixth formers from Trinity visited Malawi to encourage the children at Chipwepwete in the library, reading, teaching, doing art and craft and running sporting activities. Their visit coincided with the arrival of desks and chairs for the standard 7 and 8 classrooms which the Trinity team had fundraised for.

Jack, who was part of the team from Trinity, said: **'Seeing the excitement on the children's faces on the first day we turned up at Chipwepwete was priceless. It was humbling to see how little the pupils have and yet they were always smiling and eager to learn.'**



**Get involved** with Hope4Malawi to make a difference to children in one of the poorest countries of the world:

- **Join us to sort books** at Epsom Book Fair 13-15th February. Each morning's work will earn Hope4Malawi £100 per volunteer. Contact Sara to help [info@hope4malawi.org](mailto:info@hope4malawi.org)
- **Give a donation or a regular gift** for our ongoing projects including feeding programmes and building of the secondary school at Chipwepwete.
- **Raise funds at no cost to yourself** when you shop online with high street shops including John Lewis and Amazon Details at [www.easyfundraising/causes/hope4malawi](http://www.easyfundraising/causes/hope4malawi)
- If you pray, **please pray** for the continued building of relationships with the rural communities in Malawi and particularly for wisdom in building the secondary school.

For more information please see our website [www.hope4malawi.org](http://www.hope4malawi.org) or contact Sara at [info@hope4malawi.org](mailto:info@hope4malawi.org)

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Addy, who was part of the team working in Malawi in September, said:

**'It was a privilege to get alongside women and girls, to better understand their lives and to be able to talk and pray about the issues they face. Many girls drop out of school during adolescence and so it was good to encourage them and to be able to talk to them about the benefits of staying in school.'**

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