

# THE LANDIRANI TRUST SUPPORTING ORPHANS IN MALAWI



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### Our Vision:

**A healthy, educated, self-sufficient community in Malawi**

## ORPHAN DISTRIBUTIONS



**Blankets and mats distribution**



**Maize distribution**



**Mosquito net distribution**

This year we distributed maize during the 'hungry season' of February; we then gave 200 much needed mosquito nets to all our under 8 year olds during the 'rainy season' (malaria is still the biggest killer in Malawi). 120 uniforms were distributed in April, encouraging orphans to attend school. Many more are needed, but we don't have the funds needed. This month it is approaching the winter when temperatures can reach as low as 6 degrees at night, so we distributed 477 sleeping mats and 277 blankets to keep the children warm from the clay floor. With around 2,000 orphans we still have a long way to go. Please help us succeed! [www.landirani.org](http://www.landirani.org)



**Uniform distribution**

## JANE CARR IS OUR NEW COUNTRY MANAGER MR C K BANDA JOINS US AS AGRICULTURAL OFFICER



**Jane Carr**

Jane started with us as a volunteer last September and applied for the post of Country Manager in January. She was the best candidate for the post and has proved to be excellent in every way. Welcome on board.

Mr Banda had done various training sessions for us in the past on our Agricultural projects and we were lucky enough to take him on in January. The Orphan vegetable gardens and the Reforestation projects are all flourishing and he is in great demand. He cycles around 60—80 km a day to do his job. To donate to this cause, please email [pip@landirani.org](mailto:pip@landirani.org)



**Mr Banda**

## School Partnerships



Chikhutu presenting a picture of where water is sourced



Eileen presenting at Chitsime.

**We now have 10 partnerships and 1 new partnership coming up later this year.**

The Global School Partnerships are going from strength to strength, thanks to Eileen, Pip and Carol for helping with these. We exchange information twice a year and this April the theme was 'water'. UK and Malawi schools exchanged information on how water is stored and used, as well as the water cycle. Resources from both schools were exchanged, making it a valuable learning experience for both schools. This year it was Chikhutu Primary School Centenary celebration. They are the mother school in our area. Imo Russell, one of the teachers from their link school, Maple Infants, went out to Malawi as a volunteer in April to help celebrate their special day. Yet again Nyani, the monkey, managed to get a free flight out to Malawi and visit all the Partnership schools, a fantastic poetry competition was held in all Partnership schools.



Nyani at Kakoma School

**A big thanks to Felix. These wells would not be possible without his help. Also thanks to Alan, Adam, Callum and volunteers for helping build them.**

### BUILDING UP WELLS



**'11,800 under 5's die from diarrhea each year in Malawi due to dirty water'**

From our water assessment (in our Main Focus area) there are 251 villages of which we have built up 34 wells. 97 still remain to be built up, 131 need pumps, 51 boreholes need repairing. We have a long way to go. Gaynor met a lady in a village when we were building up their well and she was in tears, saying 'thank you for the water'.

Water is a vital necessity to life and we are in a position to save lives.



**Build up a well for £100 and put a pump on for a further £150.**

**Save lives!**

After looking at various designs of pumps we have now found one that is simple in design and relatively easy and cheap for the community to fix. One of our team in Malawi has had a 3 week training to install and maintain these pumps. He will be training others in our area on maintenance. He can install a pump on our built up wells for only £150.



### New! Compost toilets

We are building our first compost toilets in Chitedze 2 School and we hope to build more in all our schools. We will use the compost on our Orphan vegetable gardens making the project sustainable.





Chikhutu the winning team

**Thanks to Benji Smith for organising the football training and tournament**



Jo painting Chikhutu School

## APRIL VOLUNTEER TRIP

We had 17 volunteers in Malawi for 2 weeks in April, working on a variety of projects. They painted 4 classrooms at Chikhutu School, two of them being in the newly renovated block. We built 4 fuel saving ovens in M'phamba village, made from local materials and to a design from Zambia which helps reduce the use of firewood by 50%. Now they know the skills and we have trained someone in the installation of the ovens, we shall introduce them into other villages. We had 10 school partnerships meetings, along with one new one at Chitedze 2 school. We build up 14 shallow wells with three teams working really hard under Felix Deer's guidance. This makes such a big difference to the community. We had a weekend break at Lake Malawi, where we judged the Malawi Poetry competition and had time to recharge the batteries. We ended the trip with the Centenary Celebration at Chikhutu School, where the final of the football match was played. Amazingly it was between Chikhutu and Mteza schools and Chikhutu won! Benji Smith had been out for 6 weeks doing training and holding the tournament. Along with the training we organized for an HIV/AIDS awareness drama to be performed, which was highly attended. Sam Palmer, Jon Jones and Jon Toomey were filming all our projects and we hope to have a number of films about the work we do soon, to pass on the good word of Landirani.

Many thanks to all the volunteers.

Chikhutu School block from this..



To this...



## SEEDS FOR AFRICA VISIT MALAWI



Water harvester installed at Chitedze 2 School

In January, Seeds for Africa, who help fund many of our Agricultural projects, came to visit Malawi. We were lucky the rains were kind to us and we managed to get in to our area. They helped to plant some of the seedlings at Chikuyakuti school, grown in the previous years' nursery and they visited some of the Orphan vegetable gardens. They are now funding us to install 8 water harvesters, which will mean we will have some water during the 'dry season' which has been a real problem for us. This coming year we will also be putting in 12 orphan maize gardens, kindly sponsored by Kellogg's. You will see 'Seeds for Africa' on the side of 4 varieties of Kellogg's and the **Malawi** mentioned means **Landirani!!** With the addition of Mr Banda, all the projects are going well. His biggest problem is the lack of good transport, he is cycling 60—80 km every day. Please help if you can.



Tree planting at Chikuyakuti School



Mr Banda training at M'bang'ombe School

## KAFUMBI NJEWA STEPS DOWN

Kafumbi Njewa, one of the founders of The Landirani Trust has now stepped down as Director. One of his final activities was to be present at the Chikhutu Centenary celebrations where he was a former pupil. A number of former pupils attended the function and told their stories. Education is a passion for Kafumbi and he is a good example to all the children in our area, that they can achieve their dreams if they really try. We are assisting a growing number of orphans, to go to Secondary School. We sponsor a further 10 students each year. We thank Kafumbi for all his past work and wish him all the best with his continued work for the church and time with his family.



Kafumbi at the Chikhutu Centenary



Paw paw trees fruiting 2 years after planting

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## Our brilliant Local Based Committees (LBC)



In each of our 13 centers we have a Local Based Committee, each with 7 members in. They all have a specific responsibility to our projects: Education, Child Welfare, Agriculture, Water, Health, Secretary and Chair (Executive members). They have to report on their area once a month. They are all volunteers and do a fantastic job in feeding us valuable information. For example we were told about a family of brothers, all under the age of 17 who were living on their own and we met with them and helped with clothing etc. We took all the Chair people to the Lake as a thank you and also had a very productive meeting

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### Recent events:

**Project4africa** has continued to raise money for phase 2 which is to build a Feeding station / pre-school and a teacher's house. They are coming out to visit the project in September. They hope to make their overall fundraising to an amazing £40,000. Many thanks to all those involved.

[www.project4africa.co.uk](http://www.project4africa.co.uk)

### Panto

Thanks yet again to Lesley Hutchinson and the CornerHOUSE for supporting us. In January £2,398 was presented to us.

### Pam's 80th and Paul's 60th birthdays

Thanks to Paul Mackie and Pam Southern who asked for contributions to the charity for their birthdays. Pam went out to Malawi last year at the age of 78!

### Race night

£1,115 was raised for feeding projects. This was organized by Aileen Widdowson and held on 24th April and was a brilliant fun night out. Many thanks Aileen for your hard efforts.



### Summer Indulgence



**Landirani Live postponed until next year due to lack of funding. There will still be a small scale musical fundraiser on the same date, location to be confirmed.**

**For any of our event details please contact Pip: [pip@landirani.org](mailto:pip@landirani.org)**

### Future fundraising:

#### Summer Indulgence

Will be on Saturday 3rd July from 10am-5pm. It was very successful last year and we want to make it even better this year. A relaxing day of massage, nail therapy, nutritional advice or just sitting in the garden with a Pimms and veggie wrap! See the website for further details, or email [pip@landirani.org](mailto:pip@landirani.org) to book a treatment. (1st come, 1st served)

#### Tolworth Girls School

Fundraiser for 'wells' will be on Friday 2nd July and will be attended by Ed Davey. Thanks in advance for all their hard work and continued support

#### Sam & Robs cycle to Africa

In September they will be cycling from Surbiton to Africa. Proceeds will go towards buying bicycle ambulances and three wheeled wheelchairs. Please support them through the website or contact [sam@landirani.org](mailto:sam@landirani.org)

#### Rent a Farm in Loire Valley

Proceeds of the rental go to the Trust. If you want to book for next year, please see the website, or contact [info@landirani.org](mailto:info@landirani.org)