



# Hope House

2005 to 2015

## Orphan Care News

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## Celebrating Ten Years

We are excited and pleased to tell you about the ten year celebration on August 1. It was a wonderful time with all the children and employees. We started planning the day in July when we arrived in Malawi. Austin the program manager suggested contacting a local celebrity living in Lilongwe. We didn't know if someone so popular would come to rural Dowa, but with God on top of our planning, the singer said yes he could come. Lloyd Phiri entertained us with praise songs all afternoon on a stage in front of the mission house. The children and employees built the stage out of rocks and wet dirt they smoothed and molded for a floor. One of the secondary teachers decorated the area for us. The children also sang songs to represent each location and then all together as a group.

The children of all three HHOC came to the location in Dowa, where we all had matching shirts for the occasion. We had a great lunch of chicken fried rice I taught the cooks to make for the day. The party began after lunch with praise songs, dancing, thanking God and presenting certificates for employees over 5 years. More on page 2.

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#### Celebration Day!

The singer invited some of the older children to come on stage and dance with him. On left is our Austin & friend Limbikani.





Hope House Orphan Care 2 children



Hope House Orphan Care 3 children

Two lorries were rented for the day of August 1 to go after the children coming to the celebration from HH2 & 3 early in the morning, they left to go back by 5 so they could get home before dark. This may seem a different transportation to us but without buses to ride in, this is the common way Malawians travel in large groups. I am getting more and more accustomed to the different ways of doing things and do well mostly but the one thing I cannot stop is the mother inside me that comes out to say 'be careful' 'do not stand up'. In the top left picture is me telling everyone to sit down, hold on. Most little ones do not go on the lorries without their guardians for the safety. *Janelle*



The guards even took a break to dance.

## Another Why HHOC is in Malawi:

The week before Thanksgiving in the USA, a woman brought the baby in the picture on the right to the Hope House Orphan Care 1 in Dowa. The mother had just died and the family wanted to know what we could do to help this small child. Austin the manager and assistant Mark immediately bought formula and a bottle to give them. They told them as soon as the burial was over come back to register the baby as a part of HHOC and give more instructions on the proper washing and water to use for him. His name is Robert Irone, he was born on October 28. His mother was young, he was her firstborn after birth she had high blood pressure and died this week of a heart attack. His father is very needy and lives in Lilongwe, he will not be caring for the him.

Today, I am thankful for the medical care we have here, I am thankful the Hope House began the infant program several years ago and for this aunt that has decided to care for this little one.

**That my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

**Psalm 30:12**



## Water Well Going Strong

We reported in the last newsletter about the youth and college/career group at New Beginnings Church that did a thirty hour famine so they could see how others feel who don't have food. The youth director Virgil Savage organized the D Now 30 hour famine. They raised money for a water well in Malawi. The village chosen for the well is where one of the Hope House Elderly Care ladies live. One day while visiting Besta Snoya, we saw she did not have water and asked where she got her water. She told us how far she was carrying water; about 3/4 mile, and only able to carry a small amount of water at a time because she is getting very frail. Now, thankfully because of the efforts of these young people she and the other people in this village have clean water without walking such a long distance. Praise God!

Thank you NBC Youth and College/Career ministries.



Above picture of Besta, one of the elderly HHEC program, who's story inspired where to dig a well. She also cares for 2 grandchildren that are registered with HHOC.



CHECK OUT THE  
NEW WEBSITE

[www.hopehouseorphancare.com](http://www.hopehouseorphancare.com)

### NEW INCENTIVE FOR SEWING CLASS

The sewing program has just introduced an incentive for the sewing students. We wanted to encourage them and also reward those with exceptional skills and dedication to learning a trade. We decided to give one sewing machine per year to the student recommended by the tailor Simeon Kaddamanja. On Saturday November 21, 2015, a Singer treadle sewing machine was given along with a presentation to Suzeni Banda on her accomplishments. The students from all 3 location that participate in the learning to sew program came to the presentation. They are all excited about the program, it had not been announced until that day.



Suzeni is one of the secondary students registered at Hope House Orphan Care 1 in Dowa. She has a twin brother, they were one of the first to be registered in 2005.





**IN MEMORY of: Teresa Josephy**

We were home only a short time in August when we sadly received word Teresa had passed. She had been in the hospital with pneumonia and high blood pressure while we were in Malawi in July. She was having trouble walking, so Jim took her a walker to replace the long straight stick she was using. We have painfully lost several children but this is the first on the elderly program. A casket was provided by Hope House.

**Remember you can write or send a small package to your child at:**

**Hope House Orphan Care**  
**PO Box 126,**  
**Childs name,**  
**Dowa Malawi**

A gentle reminder: Please, Do Not send money directly to your child.



**Age and Birthdays Not As Important When Living Day by Day**

Birth certificates are encouraged more than ever before in Malawi. But in years past in rural areas it was not a necessity, nor is keeping up with how old you are important. We still have many parents who do not remember their children's birthdates, only about how old they are, making it difficult to give sponsors accurate ages. The way older Malawian tell us how old they are is referring to how old they were when the great locust came thru. We have tried to research when this was and come up with possibly the middle of the 1940's. We determine Teresa was about 88 because she was 21 when the locust came. Austin's grandmother Anita is another example; she was 10 or 12 when the locust came so her age is about 78. (The stories Grandmother Anita tells are so interesting to hear. She tells about when the elephants, lions and other animals roamed freely all around Dowa.)



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**Updates on FB page: Hope House Orphan Care**

**We Praise God For Hope House Orphan Care Ministry**  
 The Hope House orphan feeding program started in November 2005 with the vision of feeding a few children one meal a day. Today, food is being provided for 340 children at three locations. The children receive soap every month plus, clothes, school supplies, blankets and other needs when funds are available. If God is calling you to help with this Ministry, you can sponsor a child for \$20 a month. A picture and information of your child will be provided. You may also become a donor of any amount.

**Donation Information:**  
 There are several ways you can donate to help these ministries: Mail your check to the PO box in Shawnee, set up with your bank as a bill payment or send by PayPal. Helpful if you add your child's number and name on all donation.  
 \*\*Or designate your donation for the ministry Hope House Orphan Care has such as; sponsorship, formula, elderly, secondary school or any other need you would like to become a specific part of.

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