



Hope House Orphan Care News

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Thank you for faithful prayers! HHOC is Blessed because of your giving!

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2013 Umbrella Christmas

Rain came back another day because now we are equipped to play! Christmas in Malawi was very exciting this year. The addition of newly founded Christmas parade brought additional enjoyment. The excitement could be felt in the air.

Rented trucks, a colorful Santa suit (photo on right), & festive music



proved to be lots of fun for everyone. The story of Jesus birth was retold. The echo of lively songs & joyful clapping rang in the air throughout the entire parade. Our faithful stewards, Mark and Austin, saw their first parade while in Shawnee on their visit to America. This stirred the plans towards this fun addition to the celebration for the children with inclusion of the entire town of Dowa.

Because of your faithful support, each grateful child received an umbrella for Christmas this year. Smiles and laughter spread as the children were happy to receive these needed gifts.

Malawi 2014 Teams

May 25 begins our 2014 Malawi mission adventure!

On June 1, Derick & Mark from Bokchito, OK will arrive to serve 3 weeks at the Hope House Orphan Care. This is Derick's second trip to Malawi. Mark is preparing for his first experience in the Heart of Africa. June is going to be busy! A Christian School Mission Group of 17 will visit a few days in June. The final week of July brings more missionaries when a family of four from Shawnee, OK will be ministering together. Dr. Kim Hanigar examined every child on her first trip to HHOC in 2010, she is now bringing her husband David and two daughters.

The anticipation for this Summer Mission Season is as follows: Visiting with all the children at the 3 centers, giving each child a set of clothes with the goal visiting their villages. Another ministry this team will help with is the elderly. We will visit each member of our Elderly Ministries home. The remote Matekenya will be visited. We are pleased to announce in February the Oklahoma Mission Team branched into ministry in this village. A new church is now established.

New Elderly Program Begins

We are excited to announce our new elderly care program. We felt the Lord leading us to head this direction as we saw many elderly with basic needs unmet. Care for the vulnerable children and orphans will fervently continue. It has been on our hearts for many years to assist the elderly, especially the ones struggling to take care of the orphaned Hope House children.

Elderly in Malawi often suffer. There is no retirement, social security or simple jobs. Most have survived their entire lives by growing a crop in the rainy season of November thru March. In good crop year, they harvest food for the rest of the year. Most are used to living in a two room mud block house, often with a grass roof, without running water, electricity, no furniture and sleeping on a grass mat. This is the hard way of life yet they are often very happy.

Due to the AIDS epidemic, many are losing their grown children. AIDS and other diseases take many lives too soon. Because of this dynamic, some elderly are taking in their grand children and sometimes doing without food so the children can have extra food. We are starting out with a few elderly and hope and pray that this ministry will grow as God directs.

To date, we have provided a blanket, salt, laundry washing soap and bath soap. We are now adding corn to these items.



Example of the Elderly in this new program: Gogo Chifeniwho is keeping 7 orphan children. All reside in her very small house in the Kambale Village. Among the 7 only 3 are registered with Hope House. These three children are Grace Chikankheni, Yereni Chikantheni, & Funanji Chikankheni.

Your giving will make a difference!

Photos show Mark Kadammanja reading the Bible to two of the elderly in the program. The man (bottom left) has trouble walking. The grandmother (top right) cares for 3 children coming for ministry at Hope House 1. She has escorted them, for the last 3 years because of their young age, approximately 3 miles daily. She never asks for food for herself. She always greets us with a smile and handshake.

Look after orphans and widows in their distress. James 1:27

New Happenings

Mosquito Nets for Children

This rainy season has been a difficult time with more children sick with malaria than before. An unexpected \$500 was donated by an Oklahoma woman (in memory of her father). She thoughtfully asked what the children needed. We immediately suggested mosquito nets. In the past, when they received new nets it assisted in reducing illness. Hope House added money to purchase these crucial nets. Thankfully, the Flame of Fire Ministry team gave out nets for every child while they were in Dowa in Feb 2013. We believe the nets have helped to protect against the night mosquitoes carrying the malaria. Amazingly, we have not had a report of malaria since the nets were given out. We are thankful for this blessing of protection for the children.



Left: Picture of one of the precious children walking in the rain with her new umbrella. The rainy season is soon to end.

All because of our faithful sponsors - THANK YOU!

HIV Testing

Local hospital and medical staff have been to all three HHOC checking every child for HIV in the past few months. We need to respect their privacy and must depend on them to voluntarily tell us results. Sadly, we have many children that are positive. We do provide extra food for them to have in the mornings at their homes. The importance of nutrition is vital to their surviving as long as possible. The simple illnesses children get can be life threatening to them. When they get malaria or TB you can imagine how important for their bodies to be strong.

When a child is admitted to the hospital we take them extra food. As you pray for the children of Malawi, add a special prayer for the HIV positive in our care.

Preschool

The preschool children are enjoying their new school teacher.



Secondary Students

We have 10 secondary students (high school) at the present time in which we are paying for their fees. We have several eighth graders taking the exams hoping to qualify for secondary school next September.

New Guard Boots



Guards received new black boots. These men watch over the children and safety of the property. We always know we are safe. Michael's quick action prevented the loss of one of the vehicles, when it caught on fire, a few months ago! **We are so blessed to have these men watching over God's ministry!**

Ministry Updates 2014

Flame of Fire Ministry visit in February

A team of 7 Americans and 5 Malawian translators stayed 3 days at the mission house at Hope House Orphan Care. They were able to visit all three locations to minister to our children. One of the men does chalk talk ministries. The children and staff enjoyed the drawing and stories he brought them. We have been told by one of the team members that he will never forget the experience at Hope House. Although, Jim and I are partial, we completely understand his love for the children.

More information: Flame of Fire Ministry and Craig Hobbs Evangelist.com

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.



Gift of Banana Trees

Mark (children's director) and Simeon's (tailor) father owns a banana farm. Mr. Kadammanja showed us his banana tree farm while in Malawi in 2012 and 2013 trips. He is very proud of the fact that he has used the earnings from growing bananas to put all of his children through high school. Besides growing bananas, he has raises other food to provide well for his family. When rainy season started, he brought different varieties of banana trees to the Hope House garden to be planted. We rejoice for this generous offering. These trees should provide fruit for the children for many years to come. We are very blessed by this gift.



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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 320 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 as led.

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. Please add your child's number and name on all donation. **Or noteate your donation is for the NEW ELDERLY CARE PROGRAM.

Financial information is available.

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