



CHW PROGRESS REPORT Issue #19 Fall 2020

This Little Pig Went To Market!

Another income generating activity for vulnerable women has been initiated! We are pleased that, once again, the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada has seen fit to support a pig farming initiative which we first investigated earlier this year. After detailed information was sourced from the Chilumba Project Committee members, an application was made for funding. Change Her World has been awarded \$3000 which will fund the purchase and transport of the pigs, train women in the husbandry necessary to raise and care for healthy pigs and also to enlist a veterinarian should their expertise be needed. After seeking reassurance that the pigs could be purchased in the country of Malawi and that the training could be safely carried out within the COVID restrictions in place at the time in Malawi, we were approved for the donation.

It is felt that pigs are actually preferable to goats and economically more valuable. There is a vast market to sell them and they reproduce in larger numbers



Participants chosen to be the recipients of pigs are engaged in learning all that will be involved in this new community project!

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and grow faster. Pigs will need extra care and so for this reason, the Chilumba Project committee recommended perhaps working in groups of five women. There are currently two kinds of pigs raised in most households- the local breeds and hybrids. The local breeds are less preferred and allowed to roam freely. The hybrid types are preferred but they do need more care and special feed which will have to be grown. The average cost of a pig

is approximately K33, 000 / \$45 US. A rough calculation when considering all costs involved, would indicate the purchase of 41 pigs to be possible. There is great excitement about this income generating project.

Arrival of Beds At Girls' Hostel



On Friday May 8, great excitement abounded in the Thinduti school community as the beds for the girls' hostel arrived from Lilongwe. After getting stuck, the truck was rescued by a military vehicle. The beds were unloaded by school and community leaders, assembled and then arranged in the rooms. Change Her World is so grateful for the Hope for Haiti group in St.

Marys. Their donation not only enabled the beds to be purchased but also mattresses and linens. The building of this hostel has taken some time but the end is in sight and hopefully, the hostel will receive its first complement of girls in September 2020 when



the school year is able to resume. This is such a gift to those girls who must walk long distances to school.

A Historic First Zoom Meeting with our Project Committee in Chilumba



For the first time since their visit to Malawi in 2016, the Canadian Directors were able to see and speak with members of the committee in Malawi. This was inspirational and meaningful as special memories of the past 10 years were shared. Strategic planning also took place regard-

ing the hopes and dreams for the future—especially related to the new project developments.

Creating a Legacy: New Excitement in Chilumba!

A momentous decision by the Board was made March 2, 2020 authorizing Alick Mwalwanda and Wezzie Bandamoyo, our vice coordinators, to proceed with the purchase of 1.5 hectares of land (3.7 acres). This is a parcel of land once used for farming with no buildings on it and with easy access to the tarmac road and the Uliwa Trading centre.

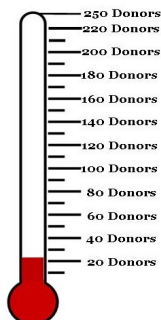
This transaction has long been a dream of the Canadian directors. Of course many discussions and decisions lie ahead but we invite you to dream with us and share the excitement of this new endeavour!

It is a sizable piece of property and has endless possibilities. We would like to build an office/ library/resource center to begin. The possibility of a library in this community would have a profound impact on learning for all ages for years to come. A children's library will be our first priority with the hope of developing an adult space as well. We have already gathered five totes of children's books to send to Malawi once the library is ready. There would be space in the library for training and educating girls and women in various fields and access to computers for the community which would open up a new world for so many, bringing hope, possibility and excitement. We will work hand in hand with the people and our committee to ensure each step is thoughtful, necessary and for the greater good of all involved.



Pictured here are Alick and Wezzie—our vice chairs as they sign the sale agreement for the CHW land.

The Power of 50 Campaign Continues...



Thank you to all those who have donated \$50.00 a month as we seek to stabilize our financial commitment in paying school fees for girls in both the Chilumba and Mzuzu/Ekwendeni Projects.

The Power of 50 Campaign.

Will you becoming a Power of 50 Supporter as we celebrate 10 years?



In February 2020, Linda and Carol received a donation from Aisin Canada for the work of this charity in the amount of \$360.00!

COVID-19 Has Impacted Our Students in Malawi! All Donations are Very Much Appreciated!

TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

☐ **I wish to support Change Her World with a donation of \$ _____**

☐ **I wish to be a Power of 50 supporter with a monthly donation of \$ _____**

Please find enclosed payment by ☐ CASH ☐ CHEQUE (Made Payable to Change Her World)

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

CARD NO. _____ EXPIRY DATE ____ / ____

Cardholder Name (Print) _____ SECURITY CODE _____

Change Her World has recently opened a TD Waterhouse Account. We are now able to receive donations of stock, bonds and securities. Please contact Linda Willis at llwillis@changeherworld.ca for more information.

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Receipts are issued for gifts of \$20.00 or more.

Donations may be made online at
www.changeherworld.ca
1-888-909-2491

So Much Has Changed... With COVID-19

On March 16, with Prime Minister Trudeau announcing the closing of the Canadian borders to international visitors, with very heavy hearts the Board faced the inevitable realization that our Annual Fundraising Dinner and all subsequent activities involving Esther and Sellah's visit needed to be cancelled.

The next day, we picked up money and tickets from Blowes and began the process of refunding money where requested. We were grateful for many of you who donated the ticket cost to us. With all fundraising efforts on hold, every donation was and continues to be critical. We want to thank our monthly donors in particular for their support which has enabled us to continue to meet the needs of our CHW beneficiaries. The Power of 50 Campaign continues with the hope that many more will donate on a monthly basis.

Be assured that, if it is possible, we will replicate next year in 2021 what was planned for this year. Many hours of planning and work by many volunteers will not go in vain. We will celebrate!

The virus has reached the north of Malawi but all the girls, their families and our committee members in both projects are safe and well. Despite this, schools there closed March 23, well in advance of any significant outbreak. We have had to send gadgets for the university students to access their courses online as well as phones for some secondary school students where programs were being continued online as well.

We also sent funds for soap for the girls early in March even before Esther & Sellah's visit had to be cancelled. As with countless others, young and old, lives remain on hold until it is safer to resume a more quasi-normal existence. As with the rest of the world, we will continue to monitor the situation.

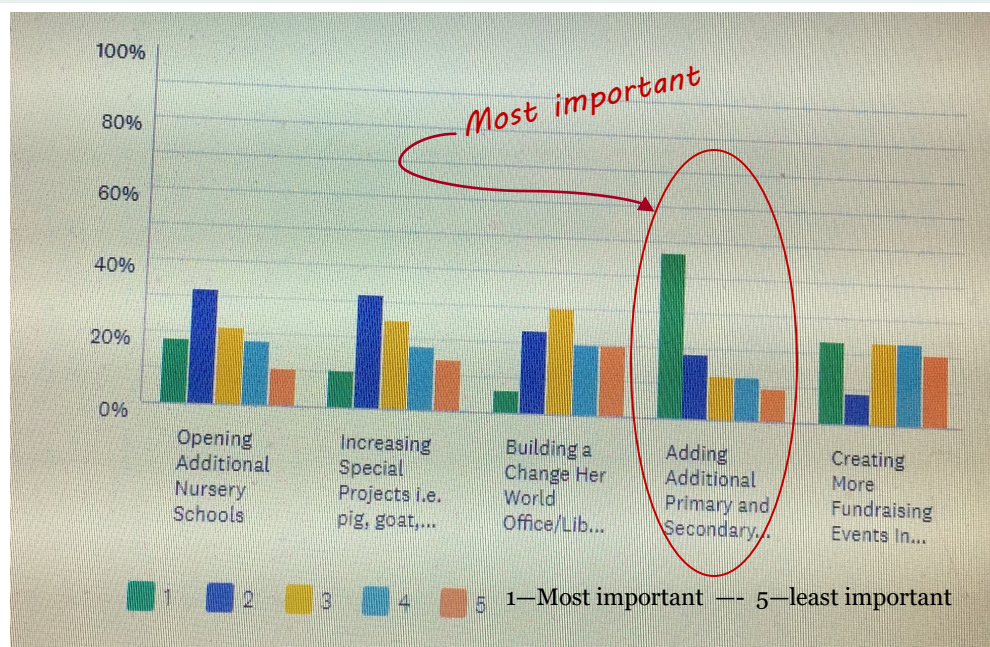


CHW students attending university receive much needed internet gadgets to allow them to continue their studies online during COVID-19.

June 2020

Survey Results

In June the Board sent out a brief email survey to get a feel for what supporters might view as priorities for Change Her World while looking forward to the next 5-10 years. To the right are the results. Of the more than 800 email surveys sent out, 37 people responded. Thanks to all who took the time to ponder the future for girls in Chilumba and Mzuzu/Ekwendeni.



From The City Of Stratford...

In April, the Board was delighted to receive from His Worship Dan Mathieson, a congratulatory letter marking our ten year milestone. He offered the city's recognition and acknowledgement of the charity's accomplishments in empowering girls through education.

Change Her World Day - September 8, 2020

This day has been proclaimed Change Her World Day in Stratford by the City

Council as further support for the progress of ten years work in Malawi, Africa. No activities are planned to celebrate this honour due to COVID-19 restrictions.



CHANGE HER WORD DAY in the City of Stratford

PROCLAMATION BY STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL

Whereas we acknowledge the unjust oppression of girls and women in the developing world, the daily suffering and indignities of their lives and

Whereas we are aware that no nation can fully prosper without the contribution of all its citizens and

Whereas we recognize that removing the barriers of poverty, gender inequality and traditional cultural barriers can empower girls and women to access and reach their full potential and

Whereas Change Her World continues to educate, empower and create hope and opportunity for such girls

Motion passed February 24, 2020

THAT City Council hereby proclaims September 8, 2020 as Change Her World Day in the City of Stratford.

To Donate Go To: www.changeherworld.ca

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Mid-West Region Report

In June, Midwest Coordinator, **Donna Milbrandt** shipped donated clothing and sanitary protection kits (made by the Days for Girls group near Yorkton, SK) to Change Her World in Stratford. Due to COVID-19, the planned trip to Yorkton, which was to take place this Fall, is on hold. The Board had planned a trip to Yorkton to meet supporters and thank them in person. We wish to thank Donna for her continued efforts and commitment as she works with many supporters in this region of Canada!



City of Stratford
Office of the Mayor

On behalf of the City of Stratford,
I am pleased to Congratulate and send Best Wishes to

Change Her World

In recognition of your 10th Anniversary and in appreciation of
your commitment and dedication in creating hope and opportunity
for vulnerable girls and women in the developing world.

Dan Mathieson
Dan Mathieson, Mayor April 2020

Underwear Collection Challenge Winner!

In the Fall of 2019—an Underwear Collection Challenge was launched with the winner to be announced at the Annual Fundraising Dinner in April 2020.



Congratulations Burns Presbyterian Church, Milverton!
You won this challenge having collected 646 pairs of underwear for Change Her World.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield came in as the 2nd place winner with 254 pairs of underwear being donated!

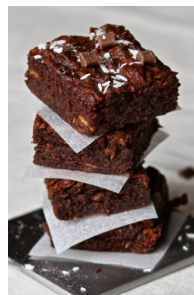
Change Her World continues to be in need of girls and women's cotton regular briefs so...

Why not consider organizing a collection with your extended family, church or club?

Saturday November 7, 2020

Chocolate Extravaganza in Stratford

We are working to reinvent our event for this date! Watch our website or your email for upcoming announcements!



CHANGE HER WORLD

Founded in 2010, this organization is dedicated to removing the barriers that prevent girls and women from being educated in the developing world.

Currently, girls and women in our project in Northern Malawi are receiving support but the need is great.

Our Corporate Objects include:

- ◇ Education of girls
- ◇ Relief of poverty
- ◇ Clean water and sanitation
- ◇ Promotion of Health
- ◇ Provision of micro financing

If you want to change the world...start with her

Building For The Future.... from the Board of Directors



The land acquisition has re-energized the Board and created new possibilities for the people of the Chilumba community. This affirms that Change Her World will be a presence in the community for many years to come. A building campaign is being designed and developed by the Board to generate funds so that construction can commence as soon as possible.

Carol was nominated by the Harrington Presbyterian Women in recognition of her work with Change Her World. She was selected by the National Women's Missionary Society for the Presbyterian Church in Canada to receive the Woman of Faith Award at their Canadian conference in May 2020. Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to COVID-19. Congratulations Carol on receiving this award.

We are looking forward to greeting all of you on Saturday April 10, 2021. This will be a much anticipated gathering as we step forward into the next decade of HOPE for girls and women in the developing world! There is power when education is accessible to the girls of our world!



Come and celebrate all that has been accomplished in the first 10 years at our next Annual Dinner on Saturday April 10, 2021!

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