

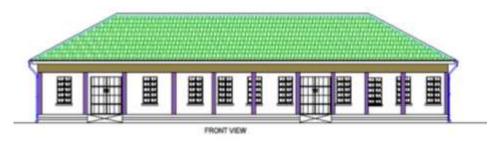
CHW PROGRESS REPORT

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IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!

BUILDING TODAY _ SHAPING TOMORROW

Construction of A Library Begins in Chilumba, Malawi



It was an exciting day for both our Project Committee in Chilumba and for the Board of Directors in Canada as construction began on the building of a community library on June 11, 2021. The first step was to drill and install a borewell on the 3.7 acres of land Change Her World had purchased two years ago. Adjacent to the west property line of the land is a village that was in need of clean water. An arrangement was made to allow the villagers access to water from this new well for their daily use with the proviso that they be responsible for the protection and maintenance of the borehole. The next step was the construction of a storage shed to house all building materials. On June 17, 2021, the Canadian Board wired the first funds to initiate the actual construction of the new library which will also



house the CHW office. A night watchman has been hired to ensure the safety of the materials on the construction site as the bricks for the shed and the cement blocks for the library are being made by locals on site. The process is being over seen by our Project Committee. A contractor has been engaged

to direct and manage the building process. This new project has generated



much needed work for local people. It has also created excitement for the whole community as the presence of this library will encourage learning and expanding horizons for everyone!







On Google Maps: The Change Her World land—3.7 acres purchased two years ago. It is on this site that the library is being constructed.

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Above: The newly constructed borehole well.

Left Upper: Lazolo Muthali, the night watchman for our construction site.

Left Lower: Cement blocks being dried in preparation for the library construction.

Right Upper: Cement being prepared for block molding.

Right Lower: Construction of storage shed for the construction site.

Empowering Women with Pigs and Goats!



The Pig Project Expands!

The Hope for Haiti group has graciously funded a pig project for Jetty zone which was selected to be the area to receive this initiative. The roll out followed the same format as the other pig and goat projects starting with the train-



ing of 50 women in total. To begin, 25 women received the first allotment of 2 pigs each. As each beneficiary realizes a litter, 2 pigs will then be passed on to each of the other 25 women. This is a powerful way to raise the economic standards of the 50 women to enable them to provide the necessities for their families. This is the second pig project and with the goat project of a few years ago, this means that 150 women in total have been helped in a very tangible way to have a better life with more hope an opportunity for their futures.

Our Second Goat Project is Underway!

The Board was delighted in June to receive notice from WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada) that



once again they would fund an income generating activity in goat husbandry to further empower the women in our catchment area. Lwerza zone has been selected beginning with twenty -



five women as before and then passing on offspring to the next selected group of another twenty-five women. With the implementation of two pig projects and two goat projects, a total of two hundred women and their families have been impacted.



CHW students receive smartphones to assist in their learning at Karonga Secondary School.



Plastic pails and cups recently purchased to help with the feeding program at the CHW nursery school in Chilumba.



Vulnerable women receiving blankets and mosquito nets from CHW.

More Project News!



ZOOM MEETING – Chilumba - May 22, 2021

This zoom meeting primarily focused on the construction of the library. There is much excitement being generated in the community as there is currently no library for use by the people there. Although we collectively realize there are many steps and stages ahead, the Board and Project Committee are energized and eager for the construction to get underway which officially starts on September 1, 2021.

Zoom MEETING - Mzuzu/Ekwendeni - May 29, 2021

The primary purpose of this meeting was to inform the Committee that this project would be closing September 30, 2021. This decision was not taken lightly and had been the topic of discussion for the Board for several years. Because of COVID restrictions and the convergence of a number of ongoing factors, the Board determined that the timing was right to end this initiative. Funds will be sent to close out the last school term which ends November 19, 2021. The Board wishes to thank the committee – Nellie, Zodwa, Lucy and Martha in Mzuzu/Ekwendeni for their time



and efforts over these years. We are grateful to have been able to support many girls for the past ten years and we wish everyone going forward, the very best in the days and years ahead. It is our hope that when we can travel safely again we can renew the connections we have made in our joint efforts to further the education of the girls in this area.



Remembering...

Bridget Kawanga died June 13, 2021 of cancer at Lilongwe Central Hospital. She was in Form 3 (Grade 11) at St.Marys Girls Secondary

Chancy Munthali was a second year nursing & midwifery student at the Ekwendeni College of Health Sciences. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning at the college residence on March 30, 2021.

The Board received the news of these deaths with much sadness for the loss of such young lives filled with hope and promise. It is hoped that at some time in the future a fitting remembrance of the two girls can be acknowledged in the new Chilumba library being built.



<u>Donations for School Fees and the Library Build Are Greatly Appreciated!</u>			
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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 lwillis@changeherworld.ca for more information.

Meet Three Members of the Chilumba Project Committee



Wezzie Moyo- Project Coordinator

Wezzie is one of a family with eight other siblings and has four children in her care, having lost her husband. Although her education started in the south of Malawi, in Blantyre, her father's employment as a Civil servant took the family north to the Mzuzu area. After graduating high school, Wezzie too joined the Civil service as a clerical worker in the Minister of Agriculture headquarters in Lilongwe. In 1994, Wezzie trained as a teacher and moved to Chilumba when her husband was transferred to the Admarc Depot. She is very proud to be educated and currently is a Deputy Head Teacher at Luromo Primary School. She joined Change Her World in 2016.

Joyce Mkandawire Office Secretary/ Administrator

(Original committee member since 2010)

Joyce attended Luromo Primary School and Marymount Secondary School. She worked at the National Bank of Malawi upon graduation in 1978 until 1990 serving in a variety of capacities. From 1991-1997 Joyce was part of an NGO for the advancement of women, worked as a supervisor in retail and has also been self-employed in small scale business.





Lackson Kachiwanda Treasurer & Medical Advisor

(Original committee member since 2010)

Lackson has five siblings and he is married with three daughters and currently works as a research clinician at Karonga Prevention Study. Lackson attended Secondary school in the Mzimba District and from 1993-1997 studied to receive a Certificate of Clinical Medicine at the Malawi College of Health Sciences, Lilongwe. In his role as a health care worker, he networked with World Vision in projects assisting those with HIV/Aids and in family planning. In 2009, Lackson returned to his role as research clinician with the Malawi Epidemiology and Intervention Research Unit - a Welcome Trust UK funded project in Karonga. Lackson has served in a variety of roles in the development area from HIV/Aids to food security, HIV/ADS voluntary counselling and testing.

Buy A Bag - Build A Library

All Proceeds From The Sale Of These Bags Will Be Used to Build A Library in Chilumba, Malawi. These make great gifts!

Cost: \$40.00

To purchase a bag, order online at www.changeherworld.ca or call Linda at (519) 271-5598

Orders can be picked up in Stratford, Ontario or shipped at a cost of \$20.00 flat rate per bag



Fundraising Is Making A Difference!

Empower With A Flower Fundraiser—Spring 2021





This was a successful fundraiser which netted about \$1000 in funds for CHW. Many people expressed interest in repeating the easy steps to order bulbs again in the Fall but unfortunately, Florissant is not doing a Fall campaign this year. A special thank you to all our avid gardeners who supported this fundraiser!

Coming This Fall!

CHW Chocolate Extravaganza Saturday November 6, 2021

We will again be selling our Sweet Treat Boxes with orders being placed online and pick up taking place on November 6 at the Army, Navy & Airforce Hall in Stratford. More information will be forthcoming as we assess COVID restrictions for gatherings. Watch our Website for more information

Christmas Confection Boxes December 2021

Many of you enjoyed the delectable Christmas cake, Ginger and Shortbread cookies that we sold last year thanks to the efforts of Marlene Robinson. We will once again be offering these boxes for sale. Stay tuned to our website for more information!

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Can You Help Us Spread the Word....

NEW —— Go Fund Me Page for Library Build in Malawi

A Go Fund Me Page has been set up to allow you to share the news of the Library Build through your social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Let your followers know what Change Her World is doing to impact the community of Chilumba, Norther Malawi in a significant way. Go to...



https://www.gofundme.com/f/building-today-library-build-in-malawi-africa



NEW — FACEBOOK PAGE for Library Build Has Been Created

We have also added a donation campaign to our Facebook Page so that people can donate via social media. We are hopeful that a younger generation of supporters will join in our efforts to empower girls and women in the developing world through education! For our Facebook Campaign, go to...

https://www.facebook.com/donate/1552722468403431/

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

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Our Vision ... from the Board of Directors

As the Board of Directors for Change Her World, we are excited about all that is happening in our project in Northern Malawi. With 189 girls being supported in school from nursery school to college and university (37 in post-secondary studies), our hope is that come January 2022, additional girls, who are eagerly waiting for the



opportunity to attend school, will be added. Our first priority is always the education of girls!

As the library construction begins, we are reaching out to individuals, organizations and churches to fundraise for this building. Our hope is to add an orchard and garden which would provide sustainable food resources for our nursery school. There is the potential of a guest house, educational training centre and café to be constructed on this present site in the future. Our vision is to have income generated from the café, guest house, education centre and gardens to fund the operation of the Change Her World Complex. Solar power would allow energy to be self-sustaining. As directors, we are very grateful for your interest, commitment and support of our charity!

We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend our Annual Dinner on Saturday April 9, 2022!

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