

International Literacy Day in Malawi - September 8th

Chilumba Committee member Themba, took the opportunity on this occasion to speak to the community at large and showcase the services of the **Change Her World** Chilumba Community Library. The guest at this event was the Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, the Hon. Mary Navicha who was pleased to learn of the work **Change Her World** has been doing to support education and social welfare.

In addition, there were representatives of the National Library Service who were impressed with the services our library is providing. We are encouraged to register with the NLS and as such access their digital library.

The Board thanks Themba for his initiative and passion for the work he is doing.



SAVE THE DATE

BOOK SALE
October 22-24, 2026

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ANNUAL DINNER
April 10, 2027

Girls Empowerment Meeting

On August 5, girls from Form 3 and 4 (Grades 11 and 12), along with committee members and community leaders gathered at the **Change Her World** Chilumba Community Library. The goal was to provide career information, to stress the importance of hard work given the opportunity they have been given and to provide some sharing opportunities for the girls with each other. Personnel from policing, banking and community leadership attended.

Malawi Stats

Life Expectancy:
67 years
(2024)

Child Mortality
Rate Under
5 years:
48 per 1000 live
births (2024)

Access to
Electricity:
14% (2022)



And the Feather's Flew!

Change Her World is trying a new venture – hybrid chicken farming! We started with goats, moved to pigs and now this latest venture which aligns with the goal of continuing to create financial independence for the women in our zones.

Goats and pigs require 6 to 12+ months of intensive care before reaching marketable weight. There are also costs related to housing, veterinary care and disease management. The long “grow-out period” increases the of risk of disease or theft etc.

Twenty women will be divided into 2 groups of 10 in Mazungamika B Zone and 100 chicks will be provided per group. The day-old chicks, feed and medical supplies will be provided until the point of sale in 6 weeks.

Before receiving the chicks, the women will receive training that covers requirements for heating and space for the day-old chicks. In addition, basic record keeping, cost management and market pricing strategies will be addressed. The cost to initiate such a venture is approximately \$2,940 US.

We will keep you posted!



2027 Annual Dinner

Mark **April 10, 2027** on your calendars for our **Annual Dinner** to be held at the Stratford Country Club... details to follow. If you would like to donate a silent auction item, please contact Caroline Jensen, Director, at 519-703-6755.

Well Number 4

The Board is very pleased to begin work on another well in Mazungamika B Zone.

*When you combine purpose with passion,
you are pretty much unstoppable!*

Fees and Uniforms

Fees rise, children grow, uniforms wear out and the Board is constantly striving to meet these changing realities. We were able to provide funds for the 64 primary students to get new uniforms and shoes and socks at a cost of \$3,390 US.

If funds allow, we hope to replace uniforms for 73 secondary students as well in the second term.

Also needed are new uniforms for the Nursery School girls. In the past we have had skirts sewn here and provided t-shirts with the CHW logo.

We hope to transition to a “tunic type” uniform made locally. The Chilumba committee will inform us as to what can be made there.

Secondary School fees for the 73 girls were paid for the fall term but this was before the schools revised their schedule of fees. We now wait to hear the amount of the shortfall due.



Belgrave Presentation

On September 13, Carol and Linda had the privilege of updating the members of Belgrave United Church on the work of **Change Her World**. The UCW women presented 50 re-usable sanitary protection kits that had been assembled which will go to Malawi in the next shipment. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort that goes into every kit assembled. The anniversary celebration of 162 years included a tasty chili luncheon enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who made this possible.



Book Sale – Get Ready October!

Thank you... We are continually grateful for all the contributions whether financial or personal that each of you make to this work. Thank you for your belief in us and empowering the mandate of educating girls.

Two New teachers at the Nursery School

On a Zoom call with the Chilumba committee on August 22, the **Change Her World** Board met the two new CHW Nursery School teachers and had the opportunity to speak with them. Current needs and challenges were discussed. By being in direct contact with them, we hope to be more responsive to their needs and they to the many queries we have about the day to day operations. We wish them a wonderful new year with their little ones.



Current Breakdown of Beneficiaries

Nursery School Girls - 20

Primary Girls - 69 girls

Secondary
Girls - 84 girls

Secondary
Tertiary Girls - 29 girls



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Receipts are issued
for gifts of \$20 or more.

Donations may be made online at
www.changeherworld.ca

Change Her World has 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.

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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 Objectives include:

- ◆ Education of girls
- ◆ Relief of poverty
- ◆ Clean water and sanitation
- ◆ Promotion of Health
- ◆ Income Generating Activities

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

Board of Directors Message

It was with much sorrow that we celebrated the life of our dear friend and colleague, Lorraine Stevenson on August 8, 2026. Lorraine died July 22 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

There are no words to express how much she will be missed and how much we valued her wise counsel as a Director on the Board. Lorraine was a woman of grace, humility and kindness and we extend our continued support to her husband Terry as well as their children and grandchildren. A fitting remembrance will be announced at a later date.



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