



Healthy Families Creating Healthy Villages



Pioneering Education Play and Parenting Skills



Mentoring and Equipping Local Leaders

Dear Friends

June 2013

It is amazing to think that a year ago we were living in Malawi, finalising our move to Birmingham. We feel settled in the UK and want to update you on our news.

Thank You

A lot has happened since our return; we are especially thankful for Tom's recovery from an unexpected liver parasite he brought back from Malawi. Thank you for all your prayers and support that got us through that tough time.

We want to thank Bill Dixon who fathered the work of The Trust in the early years. He taught us to always ask 'What is God saying?' and that our priority as leaders is to discern His voice and be obedient. Bill passed this advisory role to Simon and Keely Bateson, Associate Pastors at Birmingham Vineyard. We will be meeting with them regularly over the coming months to plan the outworking of what we feel God is calling the Trust to. Our Trustees have been excellent and we want to thank them for their belief in us and for making the organisation 'work'.

Family

The children love being in the UK and are being encouraged and developed by better teaching/educational opportunities and have had glowing reports. We are so proud of them for their transition to a new school and a new culture.

We are enjoying being part of the Birmingham Vineyard church family. We host a weekly cell group and enjoy opening up our home to grow and support one another. When we first returned to the UK we did not know how long our stay here would last. We now feel it will be for at least the next 5 years. We are excited to put down some roots and are looking at buying a house.

Our Work

We feel God has given us a time in the UK where we can be refreshed, away from the often draining pressures in Malawi, and where our children can be better educated. We also feel able to be more objective in answering God's call to expand the Trust's work. Our Leaders, Health and Play programmes have been very successful and we feel called to reach more villages with them.

Tom continues to manage the administration and finances of the Trust from the UK and, via phone calls to Chippo, directs and oversees the work. Ali continues to direct Happy Faces and mentor Janet who heads the project. Feedback from Malingunde is key in helping us shape plans to mature the organisation and increase its facilities. The team will also grow as we raise local leaders through our intern scheme.



We are both working on The Trust's communication tools; to keep you better informed, to highlight the work of The Trust and to work with UK churches to see the vision fulfilled. As part of his personal growth to assist his work, Tom is taking a Vineyard theology course, and has finished the first of three years. We will both travel to Malawi each year as part of maturing the work and Tom more often too. We are both going for the first week of July and ask that you would pray for our trip as we meet with the team to encourage and equip them.

On behalf of the whole Dalitso Trust team, thank you for sharing the journey with us.

Tom and Ali

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Happy Faces Game



Team Pic



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