



Healthy Families Creating Healthy Villages



Pioneering Education Play and Parenting Skills



Mentoring and Equipping Local Leaders

Dear Friends

January 2014

The past 12 years of the Dalitso Trust have been a wonderful journey resulting in a healthy, functioning team in Malawi. Phase One is complete and what a success, we are so very proud of the team! In writing this update we want to thank you for committing your time, money and prayers to this vision.

Phase Two is well under way as we aim to create a UK base that will resource and make the team in Malawi sustainable. Our Trustees have been integral in the process of evaluating and planning ahead; thank you to Sue, John and Nigel for all you do. This has meant some structural changes of how the UK side is run, due to our change in location. Thank you for your support and your willingness to be flexible as these changes continue.

Team News

On Christmas Eve, four years after paying our connection fee, the building now has electricity – a superb Christmas present! This will make life so much easier to charge computers and to use fans in the hot months. This development will also allow us to look at drilling a borehole around September time, when the water table is very low, to ensure we get a good consistent supply of water.

January has been a focus month of training and development for the team. Chippo has been working hard taking the team through material called 'Trainers of Trainers' to equip them in our community health work. We now have five interns, with Bazilio starting this year. This is how we are slowly expanding the team, training people from the locality in which we serve. Chippo & Janet are doing a wonderful job in leading the team as Fanny (an intern) demonstrates with changes in her life since joining us, 'Before I was quick in decision making and in that way I had many regrets in my life. I was putting a lot of blame on others. I now think twice and ask for His guidance in every decision. I have also learnt to forgive, this is a new thing for me to do.'

Communication

We now have shorter, monthly newsletters. From next month we will highlight in turn, one of our three areas of focus. Plans for a new website are under way and you can follow us on Twitter @dalitsostrust.

Being based in the UK, gives us more opportunity to talk about Malawi and our work. This happens in a variety of circumstances; school assemblies, youth groups, small groups, church gatherings and so on. If you would like us to share or discuss challenges in development work/cross cultural mission, please get in touch.

Summer Parties

We will be hosting several summer parties to celebrate what the Trust has achieved with your help, so far. We will also launch our new website and share our dreams for the next few years. We hope to see you at one of those events.

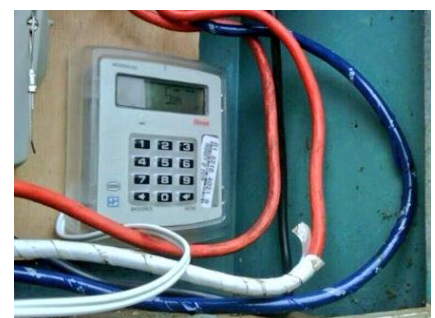
On behalf of the whole Dalitso Trust team thank you for sharing the journey with us,

Tom and Ali

Tom & Ali, Directors



Using our new electricity



The all-important meter!



Staff Christmas Meal



Happy Faces' mums play netball