



Healthy Families Creating Healthy Villages



Pioneering Education Play and Parenting Skills



Mentoring and Equipping Local Leaders

Dear Friends

January 2015

**Happy New Year!**

We are looking forward to another year of hard work serving the Malingunde area through Happy Faces, Community Health Evangelism and Follow Me.

Apple founder Steve Jobs famously once asked;

***'If today were the last day of your life, would you want to do what you are about to do today?'***

A very challenging question and our reply is yes, 100%! This is who we are; this is our calling to serve the Dalitso Trust team and see lasting change in Malingunde.

January is a great time to consider getting involved prayerfully, financially or travelling with a team to see Malawi firsthand. A big change this coming year will be the proposed raising in height of the dam near us in Maingude. We hope to see formal plans soon and to know how these developments will affect our buildings and land boundaries. Our borehole plans are on hold until this work has been completed.

Below, the team share some highlights from last year and their hopes for 2015.

Patterson *'Kat your health teaching really helped my life. I grew up in the village and we do not know about bacteria and viruses. You have helped me, as culturally we believe that we have been cursed, while its not a curse at all, just bacteria and viruses that cause different sicknesses.'*

Rhodes *'My vision is to make Happy Faces an even more effective tool in breaking the mistreatment of children in our area because many children are hurt emotionally and physically during their childhood.'*

Janet *'I had false information and heard many lies about family planning. It was bringing fear to many, even me. I was afraid of some ways of family planning because of how people talked. But through Kat's teaching, I am encouraged and now I will speak the truth.'*

Fanny *'My highlight was changing a lot as a person and learning that everyone is important, we are all equal in God's eyes. This year I hope we can have more Happy Faces branches.'*

Lonely *'I want to encourage Mums who know nothing about Happy Faces to come along, so their children can learn and grow.'*

Japhael *'My highlight is I have learnt to become a dependable man. Now I am helping others in how to become dependable people, changing their own communities.'*

Patterson *'My vision for CHE is to see more people send their children to school and have over 20 'Healthy Home awards' presented to hard working families.'*

Tom *'I am very proud of the team's hard work and commitment. My hopes are that we continue develop more and more leaders, not just followers.'*

Ali *'I too am so proud of the team and all they've achieved in their personal and Dalitso Trust journey. My hope is that they continue to bring lasting change in the individuals they serve.'*

*Tom and Ali*

**Tom & Ali, Directors**

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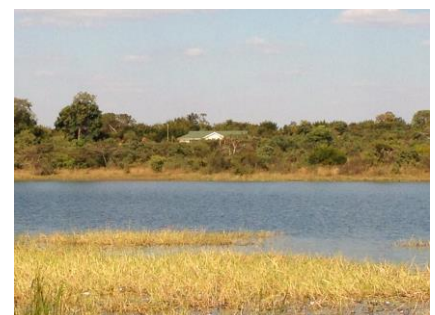
DT team with spouses



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Happy Faces outside play



The Trust's building near the dam