

Dear Friends

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As many of you will know by following us on Twitter or Facebook, that Jameson was walking along a road and a motorbike hit him. He suffered a very badly broken arm, which is normally just put in plaster. Thankfully he had an operation to set a metal plate in place. This was only possible due to a visiting team of surgeons from India. Thank you for all your prayers/messages and we are thrilled that Jameson is making a good recovery.

This month we are highlighting Happy Faces (HF), which is a six and under stay and play project. We recently said goodbye to a class at HF as they have just started school. The whole team enjoyed organising a graduation ceremony to celebrate the children and their parents.

Rhodess 'We had a wonderful graduation. My favourite part was to see the children copying letters and standing with boldness in front of people, sharing what they had been learning.'

This is a very important milestone and part of this work is to challenge rural culture, which does not normally value young children.

Lontina 'I am the proud Mum of Ronald and I am very grateful for what he has learnt through HF. I am so pleased he is going to start school with knowledge and I will keep doing my part at home which HF has taught me.'

Fadness 'I am full of praises for what God has done through HF. My daughter has been equipped in every area and even my husband has noticed. I will bring our other children when they are the right age for HF.'

Esther 'When I go to HF I feel that you bring something new to my life. I have never had friends to encourage me before, but your presence in my life is a great thing.'

Janet 'I enjoy seeing the children grow in their concentration and taking part in our story time. I have learnt that to keep them attentive I need to be active and do lots of demonstrating.'

Patricia 'I have seen a great change in my daughter. Before HF she could not play with other children. Now she can even talk to others and laugh. I will continue bringing her to HF, so that she can even do even more than this.'

During recent home visits families learnt about family hygiene, how to safely prepare food and how to care for a child with malaria.

Mirriam 'My family has been having big skin problems for some time. We have been learning about hygiene and the HF team helped me. My habit was to bath only when I was going on a journey somewhere and wash the kids then too. Now I am happy to understand the root of the problem and it has gone. Now I do look nice and am thankful that the problem I was causing my family is changed.'

Thank you Mark and Laura for your recent trip to Malawi doing some training with the team.

Oliver 'We have been sending our daughter to a nursery school and paying a lot per month. After attending the HF graduation I saw how much the Mums and children have developed. I am now encouraging my wife to take part. I want them both to benefit from the rounded education that HF teaches.'

We continue to be proud of the team in Malawi and thank you for sharing our journey.

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Cecil presenting HF certificates



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Graduating children with the profession they hope to work in written on their hats