



Healthy Families Creating Healthy Villages



Pioneering Education Play and Parenting Skills



Mentoring and Equipping Local Leaders

Dear Friends

January 2017

As we start 2017 we are looking forward to a year serving our communities around Malingunde. The rains have come and we're pleased that our crops are growing well. We would appreciate your prayers as 40 % of Malawi is in food crisis as the last 2 rainy seasons were very poor. We hope the Government and aid agencies will respond effectively to feed the many vulnerable families. Our team continue to serve during these hardships. Last year was particularly hard; people don't have the energy to gather and learn if they are hungry. We are proud of the team as they visit people in their homes to encourage and help where possible. We are so passionate about our 3 areas of work and the fruit we are seeing:

**Happy Faces:** an under 6 stay and play group, teaching Mums about parenthood and how to develop their children holistically. In 2016 a new location was started in Mkowa village. It has been a slow start, but we know from experience that new ideas take time to be accepted.

Ethel *'I want to see the number of children increasing who come to attend, as HF spreads to more villages. HF changes lives and we want more families to enjoy this gift of learning.'*

Rhodes *'In Happy Faces I want to see mums continuing to improve their health in every way. We hope that parents start to value and love their children as they are special gifts from God.'*

**Follow Me** over 60 church leaders learning together weekly on how to lead and serve their churches well. Last year the team started a weekend event with the students called 'Kingdom Expansion'. Each month they visit a local village going door to door, asking to pray for the sick.

Chippo *'We have seen amazing things as hundreds of people have been gathering after people with long terms illness have been healed. In November Dausi had his hearing healed and on January 10th Edina aged 14 was healed. She lost her hearing completely aged 3, due to a side effect of Malaria treatment. Her Mum was so surprised that she asked for prayer, receiving healing on a bad shoulder. She was overjoyed; she hadn't been able to farm since November.'*

**Community Health Evangelism (CHE)** a question led development model training health volunteers and transforming whole villages. This year we hope to expand into another village and Jameson is keen to see the health message reach more people.

Jameson *'I had the great opportunity to study CHE further in Kenya for a month internship last year. I really want to see CHE expand and I will be doing more vision seminars. My heart is to see more schools and communities impacted.'*

Bisifat *'CHE has helped me in how to build friendships as this was a challenge to me in my past. My vision is to train 70 volunteer health visitors in CHE.'*

We are pleased to announce some births; Bazilio and Aida have a baby boy called Bright. Also Steve and Dolice have a boy called Asha.

None of these achievements and future plans would be possible without you. We are very thankful for your support in so many different ways. We are blessed with 3 marvellous Trustees John, Nigel and Sue. We are pleased to add Ali along with Tom and Kat Densham as there is a transition to have the Trustees based in Birmingham.



The team visiting Steve and Dolice to welcome baby Asha



Edina healed from 11 years of deafness



Rhodes training the team



The team visiting Bazilio and Aida to welcome baby Bright

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

Tom and Ali

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