

NEWS September 2021

Dear Friends,

The weather is warming up in Malawi as summer arrives. The country seems to be managing with Covid and has recently opened its borders. Malawi is still on the U.K. red list so travel still appears a long way off.

Save the date! You are warmly invited to a live update that Chippo will be giving via Zoom on Sunday Nov 7th at 4pm U.K. time. The link will be emailed out to our newsletter database the week before. If you don't get our update via email and would like to join us, please [sign up here](#).

This month we are highlighting our Happy Faces work, our 6 and under stay and play project. We have 4 community-based groups which meet outside. Normally we hold our annual graduation ceremony at the end of July, but the start of the school year has been changed by the government to January. So we are looking forward to celebrating our graduation in early December.

Rita *'My daughter was having trouble in how to make friends and play with other children. After bringing her to Happy Faces she is changed. Her character has grown and she is now living in harmony with her friends. She likes to go to HF and it has made me happy to see her develop.'*

Molly *'In coming to Happy Faces I started to feel encouraged to teach my children at home. This new confidence has spread to the church, so I am able to do some teaching there too. I am enjoying that people can trust me'*

Loni *'I was thinking that to send a child to Happy Faces is a waste of time, that there is no point. But after attending, I realise that I was wrong and my child is very ready to learn and grow. We too are changing as our daughter is influencing us a family. We started to go to church on her request and we are growing spiritually.'*

Families also receive regular home visits using the CHE method of teaching vital health lessons. Recent topics have included; making harvests last longer, prevention of Covid, caring for our environment, harmony with nature and forgiving myself and others.

Mercy *'I have been burning bushes, cutting trees and I did not respect other people's property. The environment around my home was not pleasing. After a CHE lesson on harmony with nature I was touched. I took initiative to make seedlings and I planted some trees to restore creation. I am learning to be a responsible citizen.'*

Victoria *'I was failing to say my feelings to my husband and even my friends. I could see things going wrong in my life, although I felt I knew the solutions. I was chosen to be a CHE, visiting neighbours with health lessons. This was my first step to start expressing my views. This has been a benefit to my husband as we are now having good honest communication, while before we were not showing our true selves to each other.'*

Mary *'Due to CHE I have become aware that I have things to steward and look after, things that God has placed in my care. I have realized that I want to pass on a legacy to my grandchildren, so I think about what I can invest, not just spend.'*

On behalf of the whole team, thank you for being on this journey with us,

Tom and Ali

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Learning letters



Learning shapes with sand and a blackboard



Telling stories



Discussing family health