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Dear Friends,

With 2022 in full swing we are looking forward to a full year serving our communities around Malingunde. The rains have come and we are pleased to report that crops are growing well. The new dam construction has recently been damaged by heavy rains and we hope they will soon be able to start work once again.

In the last couple of years we have seen a number of strategic developments pick up pace, due to the restrictions imposed by Malawi's response to Covid. The largest practical change has been a transition managed by Chippo to see all our work becoming village based, rather than running in our building.

Chippo *'We are celebrating 1 year in our new building! I am very thankful for Rhodess and Patterson leading the ministry with me. It is so encouraging to be able to delegate and have full confidence in their skills and character. Even though we have not received any visitors physically for quite some time, this has been a moment of great maturing for us as a team. The investment we have received over the years has meant that our cup is not empty. We are full of knowledge and compassion that we use to serve each other and share in our communities.'*

Patterson *'I have been thrilled to see our Follow Me groups maturing and showing leadership. Due to Covid we have not always been able to travel and lead the various groups. Even with this challenge students are gathering week on week to learn and move forward together with the course material.'*

Rhodess *'Recently I have been reflecting on legacy. Happy Faces started in 2010 and back then families in Malingunde were suspicious of our format to equip parents in how to teach their children through play. It was a battle to win them over! Now I see these same children as 16 year olds who have almost finished school. I love chatting with them and hearing about the focus of education in their lives that is rooted from Happy Faces – what a legacy to have the privilege of being a part of.'*

Alongside Happy Faces we are also running Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in the same villages. CHE is a question led development model producing transformation in peoples' lives. Here are some testimonies below;

Sara *'I did not know about how HIV can transmit from a mother to her child. After learning this in CHE I reached out to my sister to help her take care of her baby. She is HIV positive and I wanted to support her at this important time of breast feeding, helping to ensure her baby stays negative. My sister and I had grown apart, so our relationship is changed, it is better than before. I thank God for all the CHE lessons in my community.'*

Judith *'I thought that I can't change and that poverty is normal since my parents and everyone in my community is poor. So when we started having CHE lessons, I discovered who I am and why am I in my community. Straight away I stopped renting out my fields to others and my outlook changed. People now see my focus on farming and using what I have. People ask me lots of questions as I had a bumper harvest, so I am able to share all I know with them. My life has completely improved because of CHE.'*

None of these achievements would be possible without you. On behalf of the whole Dalitso Trust team thank you for sharing the journey with us.

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Chippo, Janet, Rigina, Patricia, Patterson, Rhodess, Ethel, and Jameson



Our new building



An improved toilet with a door and tap



CHE Rabbit breeding