



# Simple Gifts

Small helping hands

## Kids Helping Kids



In the Old Testament, the Bible reveals the story of the prophet Daniel. The accounts tell us he had a deep love for his people, and because of that love he warned them of impending doom. Then he took action to rescue them. One of the most famous stories in the Bible tells of God's rescue of Daniel when wicked men throw him in a lion's den.

### Daniel Focuses on Malawi

Today, another Daniel is working to rescue people. This modern day Daniel was born 2-1/2 months premature, and not expected to live. He survived, but life has been a difficult struggle. He moves with great difficulty, because of cerebral palsy, but with great determination. When he learned about the struggle of children in Malawi, he felt great sympathy for them.

### I Think I'll Send Raisins

With the pain and poverty of sub-Saharan Africa imbedded in his mind this 11-year-old decided he would do something to help them. He was told his small amount of aid would make little difference. In spite of this discouragement the boy from Knoxville begged his parents to let him buy raisins. Raisins were sweet, and good for the children. He went to the grocery and made the purchase.

### Raisins Arrive in Malawi

His raisins were distributed to children. Churches were also given raisins for the preparation of the Sunday communion, and congregations heard the story of Daniel's sacrifice. His story inspired others. A major processor of raisins in the U.S. filled a forty-foot trailer with raisins, and sent them to Malawi. They were distributed all over the nation.

### Lemonade Brings Shoes

In a small southern community young Andy listened as the Sunday morning speaker talked about the plight of the people of Malawi. Andy was touched with the stories of the suffering, and he determined to find a way to help them. He would give away lemonade, he told his mother. His mother was puzzled. How could he help the children of Malawi if he gave away lemonade? Andy explained he would give the lemonade to anyone who would come by, but while they were drinking the lemonade he would tell them about the children of Malawi, and ask them to donate a pair of shoes for the children.



Andy's lemonade stand was hugely successful. A large number of his church family, and people in the neighborhood stopped to drink some of his lemonade, and learned about the need in Malawi.

### Big Box Store Donates

Not long after Andy started his campaign to help children in Malawi to have shoes, one of the large retailers in his hometown learned of his project. They made a sizeable donation. The next shipment to Malawi contained over 2,000 pairs of shoes Andy's efforts had generated.



The Malawi Project

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## Ways You Can Help

Village families have little or no access to pharmacies, and local hospitals are often out of the most basic medical supplies and services. School children do not have pens, pencils and paper. Hospitals and churches have no paper with which to maintain records. Small items can help solve major problems. Individuals, churches, schools, community organizations, scouting groups, business and civic organizations can all make a major contribution to the life of a Malawian. Here is a partial list of some of the things that are needed.

### Toothbrushes Q-Tips

Entire families often use a single toothbrush. Infections spread. The dust from roads and villages cause ear problems and contribute to hearing problems.

### Band-Aids Soap

Minor infections untreated can lead to major problems. Soap is the number one way to stop infections. Hotel soaps, or store purchased bars are a great help to a village family.

### Aspirin & Tylenol Antibiotic Ointment Cough Medicine Rubber Gloves Pens and Paper

The average Malawians has no aspirin, Tylenol, or other pain medicine. Stopping infection before it starts can save a limb or a life. Many cough for prolonged lengths of time, with no relief. Medical people are dying for lack of rubber gloves to protect from HIV/AIDS. Children in the schools, and even medical people in the hospitals, often do not have paper and pens with which to write.



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