



ACTION FOR PROGRESS ACQUIRES LAND

West of the capital city of Lilongwe, Action for Progress has acquired land for the construction of a large distribution center. When completed the building will serve as a central hub for nation-wide operations of the Malawi Project and Action for Progress. The building will be the clearing center for medical, agricultural, and educational supplies coming into the country, and will also offer a place for volunteer workers to help with the sorting, distribution, and possible assembly of equipment.

Action for Progress has been formed as a Malawi governed, non-governmental, not-for-profit agency that has been chartered to serve the poor throughout Malawi. Wilson Tembo, the in-country operations manager for the Malawi Project for a number of years, is the Executive Director for the new group. The Agency will interface closely with the Malawi Project to receive, distribute and oversee needed supplies.



JOSEPH PROJECTS CELEBRATE OPENING

Two community grain storage sites, known as Joseph Projects, are now in place to serve large numbers of villagers with safe and clean facilities to offset the results of future famine. Their names come from the way Joseph, in the Old Testament book of Genesis, created storage areas to save the Egyptians, and his own people, during a severe famine.

In late September, in less than a week between, two of three sites celebrated the grand opening of their large warehouses. Each warehouse is capable of storing food for thousands of villagers. For more on the Joseph Projects, and the way these programs are locally structured, go to www.malawiproject.org and to the section on Agriculture.



Pictured is Suzi Stephens, medical director for the Malawi Project (right) and Wilson Tembo, in-country Director for the Project translating (left).

COMMUNITY GROUP RECEIVES A BOOST

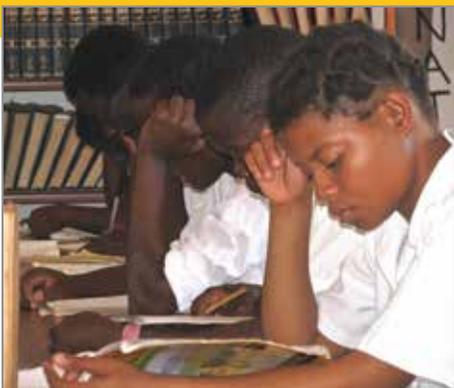
Receiving visitors from other parts of the world is always delightful for a Malawi village. The arrival of members of the Malawi Project Board of Directors, and directors of the Mobility Worldwide plant in Demotte, Indiana was a special treat for members of the Mdyankhanga Community Based Organization northwest of the Nkhotakota Trading Center.

A large number of village people gathered near the home of Robert Chilemba, the CBO Director, to warmly receive the guests, and recognize gifts given in recent months, as well as during this visit. These included food, clothing, mobility units, and little dresses. The team from North America remained as long as possible, then made a dash to reach Mzuzu, the northern capital, before darkness made the roads too dangerous to safely navigate.

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BICYCLES ARE LIKE CARS

For a nation where the average person walks 10 miles a day, and never in a lifetime will own a motorized vehicle, having a bicycle can change one's life, and open the door for new opportunities for an entire village. Because so few can even afford a bicycle, let alone a car, a bicycle can be the pride of the village, and its owner can offer services to the community others cannot extend. A recent shipment of bicycles, distributed to a wide array of recipients, is making a difference in multiple lives and many villages.

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LIBRARY IN TOP CONDITION

In spite of the fact it has been in service for over 4 years the Senga Bay Library, operated by members of the Malawi Air Battalion on behalf of the community, is in mint condition. Faced with seasons of torrential rains, then months of dry heat, there is little evidence these harsh conditions are taking a toll on the books.

Talking with Alex, the head librarian, and a member of the Malawi Defense Force, he highlighted the large volume of students using the library. Every hour it is open the seats are filled with a students doing research with the help of the books donated by groups in a number of nations. Alex noted there is a need for even more books. Plans call for enlarging the current library, and adding more books to the current collection.

At the time of its construction, the Malawi Project donated funds to help with the building, electrification, and sent them 2,000 books to begin the library.

ACADEMY LIBRARY OFFERS BREATHTAKING VIEW

From the moment the gates swing open everything about the Kamuzu Academy reflects the highest level of educational excellence. The Academy was established by Hastings Kamuzu Banda to help train future leaders for Malawi. It has lived up to its commission and continues today to accept students from all walks of life to prepare them for the new world to which they will contribute.

During a recent trip to the Academy members of the Malawi Project's Board of Directors and members of Mobility Worldwide were treated to a tour of the campus, an overnight stay, attendance at school events, and excellent food and hospitality. During the tour the group entered the school library. Looking up toward the dome one can hardly imagine they are still in Malawi. The contrast between this school and village life, just outside the gate, is not lost on the visitor, as the struggle to bring this nation out of poverty is seen in sharp contrast.

During the visit a large number of "how to" books were donated from the Holton-Arms School outside Washington DC for the school library. This story may be found on www.malawiproject.org



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