



### NEXT STEP IN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Lilongwe, Malawi...The establishment of Action for Progress, has taken place to partner with the Malawi Project in distribution of aid throughout Malawi. In this multiple faceted program, the next steps have included a move to Lilongwe by Wilson Tembo, the Executive Director, and his family, and the selection of a suitable land site. With its five member Board of Directors in place, and the move to the capital city by Tembo complete, attention turns to fund raising for the construction of the distribution hub and work center needed to complete the next phase.

In early October the Action for Progress board, in cooperation with the Malawi Project, chose a suitable site a few miles west of the city. With financial assistance from the Malawi Project, the land was purchased, and will soon see the creation of a major warehouse and work center to carry out assistance programs through local oversight and management. While the Malawi Project will still be the major supplier of financial aid, and will handle supply procurement from western nations, the day-to-day operations on the ground in Malawi will be handled through Mr. Tembo, who has worked with the Malawi Project for the past 18 years, as well as the Action for Progress board.

Fund raising is currently under way to build the center, and the Malawi Project is requesting the assistance of its supporters to bring this dream of local management of local programs to reality.



*Pictured are, left to right, Madalisto Mwandolima, Medical Director, Chester Kibinda-Mbewe, Board Chairperson, Noel Misanjo, Attorney, Robert Tauka, Msamba Banda, and Wilson Tembo..*

### ACTION FOR PROGRESS BOARD

Lilongwe, Malawi ... Members of the Board of Directors of Action for Progress hold the document recognizing the organization as a duly registered, and recognized, not-for-profit aid assistance group in Malawi.

Action for Progress and the Malawi Project will work closely together to insure the continued success and expansion of programs in agriculture, education, medical, and leadership development.



### TOUR LILONGWE, THE CAPITAL CITY

Lilongwe, Malawi ... Entering Capital Hill the visitor experiences wide through-fares, green plush surroundings, and modern government buildings, as compared to the portion of the city near the Lilongwe River known as Old Town. It is in sharp contrast to the area in the valley near the Lilongwe recognized as the original part of Lilongwe, the old trading center of decades past. Here the buildings are jammed together, street vendors and crowds fill the sidewalks, and the rapid pace of commerce creates long lines and traffic gridlock.

Because of the contrast between the part of Lilongwe that existed before the 70's and the part that sprang up with the coming of central government, this city of nearly one million people can easily be recognized as the place of two cities, the one where the old ways of doing business are still in place, and the new, rubbing shoulders with an outside world quite foreign to village life.

Whether you need a 50-kg bag of concrete, a set of barred window frames, or a new bed frame you will find them in Old Town. Cross the river, and go up the hill to the newest part of the city, and you will find international banking, government offices, travel bureaus, and a group of international embassies and airlines that connect Malawi to the rest of the world.

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### WALKING THE FIELDS OF PROGRESS

Chandiwo Village, Malawi ... The success of the first three Joseph Project grain storage programs are meaningful within themselves. However, the real success is much more than just a single storage building, as important as these buildings are to the overall success of the programs. Success takes root well before the completion of the grain storage facility. It begins in the villages, the churches, and the community development agencies that surround and serve communities where the building will be located. Success begins to flower when these groups combine resources, expertise and person power to create farm co-operatives. These combined community groups then look to effectively increase crop production, grain buying, storing, and marketing capability, as well as addressing the protection of the harvest during the months when it is often destroyed by insects, disease, or sold for a "bowl of porridge" while market prices offer their lowest return on investment. As the stories of the Joseph Project buildings begin to appear on the Malawi Project web site, the reader will recognize there is much more than meets the eye to their success.



### CONVEYING THE CREATIVE MIND

Kasungu, Malawi ... "Looking out over the audience that morning I could not help but wonder which of these 600 students would grow up to become the President of Malawi, a successful business tycoon, or a world recognized surgeon. I could not help but believe one or more of them were out there, I just could not recognize this future leader."

Speaking is Richard Stephens, Communications Director and co-Founder of the Malawi Project, in recalling the recent Monday morning when the Project's Board of Directors presented the school with nearly 75 books designed to stimulate the creative thinking of the school's student body.

The books had been prepared by the 6th grade girls of the Holton-Arms School near Washington, DC and hand carried to Malawi for distribution to this particular school.



### LITTLE DRESSES BRING BIG SMILES

Mdyankhanga Community Based Organization, Malawi ... The smile of a little girl can almost be felt halfway around the world. At least that is what is hoped as the pictures come in from Malawi, and the smiles are shared with those who work diligently to produce the little dresses that bring such smiles. Little Dresses for Malawi, and its founder Rachel O'Neil, are major contributors of dresses, and the resulting smiles.

This year members of the Malawi Project's board of directors participated in distribution of dresses made by individual women. Two of these women were Ida in Portland, Oregon, and June in Carmel, Indiana.

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