

## CHILDREN'S CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2023

### **BACKGROUND**

This programme is run for children from 4 to 16 years old. It is of great importance as the children enjoy different lessons from the Bible which helps them to make informed decisions based on biblical principles as they are growing up.

The programme started in 2006 and so far, there are 14 clubs in Salima District which are held weekly. At the meetings children play different games, which helps them to learn and to memorise Bible verses. In addition, we conduct monthly training for the volunteers who lead the clubs in order for them to understand their roles and gain knowledge themselves on various topics. Currently there are 36 volunteers and a total of 1,488 children benefiting from the programme.



***Leaders from all the 14 clubs before the start of a training session***

### **UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

Kaputu Club is back on track after taking a break for some time. Currently two teachers have been identified who will be leading the club at the school.

Members of the club meet together every Friday, after classes finish. This ensures that no lessons are missed and benefits teachers and children alike. Despite the school being based in a Muslim community, children attend club activities in large numbers.

***Glory and Ethel, our new volunteer leaders at Kaputu School Children's Club***



The overall impact of The Children's Clubs is increasing as children attend the clubs in larger numbers than before. They realise how important the Children's Clubs are in their lives.

### **NEW RESOURCES RECEIVED.**

We received games materials such as balls and flying rings from the Mission Direct team and the Sports Reach team who came to Malawi for a visit in the summer.

These materials will be of a great use as children will have a new game to play and their physical fitness will improve as the games involve a lot of physical exercise.



#### **Martha Milton - Teacher at GTOC Club**

I am gaining so much knowledge through the training that is organised by Starfish.

I would like to encourage my fellow teachers in other clubs not to give up as we are doing a very good job teaching the young ones the Word of God - as the Bible says.

**'Teach them while they are young,'**  
shared Martha



#### **Sauda Twaibu is a form 1 student at Miracle Valley Private School.**

I am one of the members of GTOC Children Clubs, and it has been 5 years since I joined the club. I would love to thank my parents for allowing me to join the club as it has changed my life in so many ways.

I have a change of clothes as we receive clothes as gifts from Starfish at the club, I know new games and my behaviour has changed positively.

My advice to those parents who do not allow their children to attend such clubs - Please give them a chance and see how beneficial these clubs are," shared Sauda.