

CHILDREN'S CLUB MID-YEAR REPORT FOR 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 as they are growing up.

The programme started in 2006 and so far there are 13 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 some knowledge on various topics. Currently there are 36 volunteers and a total of 1,488 children are benefiting from the programme.



Leaders at a Monthly Training Session

UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS

In July 2023, we visited Kasamala Children`s Club which is at Kachere Primary School in Salima. Leaders are also teachers at the school and so the Kasamala Children`s club meets soon after classes finish. This ensures that no lessons are missed and benefits teachers and children alike. Although the school is in Muslim community children still attend club activities in large numbers.



Lesson in progress at Kasamala 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 PROVIDED FOR THE PROGRAMME

We received flying rings from Peter Bell who came to Malawi for a visit with Chris Knott and the team. These flying rings will be of a great use as children will have a new game to play and their physical fitness will also increase as the game involves a lot of physical exercise.

The leaders of the clubs are very thankful for the materials they received.



Leaders showing the flying rings they received from Peter Bell

WHAT DIFFERENCE ARE WE MAKING?

Fines Magombo is a teacher at Kachere Primary School who volunteered to be a leader at Kasamala Club, which meets at the school she teaches. She says since she joined the team there has been a great difference in her personal life as she studies the Bible frequently and her prayer life has changed.

“As a leader I make sure that I am close to God so that He helps me in whatever I do at the club. Besides that I have learnt how I can approach the Muslim society with the Word of God. I am very happy as a leader because I have seen children change their behaviour from bad to good through our lessons. I thank God for the work as now I have a better understanding of the Bible through the training sessions that I attend monthly, that are organised by Starfish Malawi,” says Fines.



Fines Magombo teacher at Kachere primary school

Thecra Njerezi is a student at Kachere Primary School, she is 6 years old and in standard 2. She shares her story how the club has changed her.

“I use to use bad words and act violently before joining the club but all has changed because we learn things from the Bible such as love and respect for elders. We are also taught to be thankful for everything in our lives and I thank God for my life as many have died with the cyclone that happened,”

shared Thecra



Thecra Njerezi student at Kachere Primary School