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Newsletter

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from the Starfish UK & Malawi Teams.

Thank you from all of us at Starfish Malawi. Without your donations and prayers, our work would not be possible. We thank God every day for what He is doing in Malawi and here with us in the UK.

This month we would like to share the following stories with you.



Focus on Children's Clubs

Our Children's Clubs programme is a safe environment for students to be taught about safe ways to live so that they can maximise their joy in a country where poverty is rife. This includes teaching about HIV AIDS, health and safety, farming and healthy relationships.

We now have 15 clubs run by a team of 45 dedicated volunteers. Nearly 1600 students attend and enjoy playing different sports as well as learning from the Bible.

For more information, please visit - <https://starfishmalawi.com/childrens-clubs>

The Volunteers.



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Takumana Children's Club after their activities in their church



Children's club visit to **Kuti Game Reserve**.

Starfish Water Feature

No, we are not describing an interesting starfish shaped fountain! We want to tell you about the installation of clean water provision for drinking and washing hands at two primary schools.

At **Thugulu primary school** we have installed a number of washstands close to the classrooms so that students have easy access to clean water during the day.

This has been made possible through the raising of funds by their linked school, **Ightham Primary School**.

Click here <https://starfishers.starfishmalawi.com/clean-hands>

to watch the video



Cathy and Suzi the Starfish at Chisiyo school



At **Chisiyo Primary school** there are 4200 students, but there is no source of clean water on the campus. The nearest place is the nearby stream.

Over the years there have been boreholes dug but they have never worked for long. The school has not had a good source of water for some time.

Starfish in conjunction with Chisiyo's link school St Josephs' Thame, have now provided a link up with the local water authority to bring piped water to the school which will then fill up large water tanks installed on top of a tower, from which there will be a number of taps for drinking from and hand washing.



Construction of the water tower.

For more information about Schools Linking please - <https://starfishers.starfishmalawi.com/>

Vocational training at Ngolowindo Primary school – Students who are not able to succeed academically and being taught skills such as carpentry, building construction and electrical installation.

This is being carried out in a dedicated workshop at the school under the skilful guidance of McJohnson Chitizu.

Starfish is also endeavouring to develop this work by the provision of more tools and setting up a

TVET course which will provide a certificate to the students once they pass exams. With this they will be better equipped to hopefully start their own businesses.

Glad Tidings Children's Centre - Christmas Party

Each year the team at Glad Tidings provide a lovely Christmas party for all the children and their families. They have a great time with food and games, craft and some dressing up.

It is lovely to see the joy in their faces.



Looking forward to 2024

We are excited to see how God will develop the work of Starfish this year. We are already planning for some events in the UK, one of which is our annual walk below, but keep your eyes peeled for another opportunity to join in with some activities in a few weeks' time.

We are starting to plan for the trip to Malawi being made by a few members of the UK team in April. It is hoped that a video diary will be made to show you what is happening on each project.

Bewl Water Walk – please remember to keep the 8th June 2024 free so that you can join us at this annual event. More details will follow soon on our Bewl webpage.

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