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MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

# Newsletter

## May Edition

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



## Ready, Steady, Go!

By the time you read this the UK team of volunteers will be two days away from travelling to Malawi.

This year the team are looking forward to seeing the maternity wing construction nearly finished, Trinity School Moyo using the second classroom, meeting our sponsored students on student day, being with the Malawi team,

engaging with the children at Glad Tidings, visiting the Kudimba Foundation, meeting with Pastors, visiting schools, seeing the development of vocational training and much more.

The team is there for two weeks but it will be a packed itinerary!

## Container Sails.

Our container has begun its long journey to Malawi and will hopefully be there in approx. 3 months' time.

It has been packed over the last few days by the dedicated team led by Jo Taekema who have also been boxing up, weighing and labelling hundreds of boxes of donated items.

We are so thankful for this great team.

This year we are sending some large items of medical equipment for the maternity wing, including delivery beds, ward beds, incubators and baby scales. We also have a huge donation of clothes from Sport England and supplies of Christian books and Bibles for the Pastor's libraries.



The container brings so much joy to so many people when it arrives



The clothes were recently distributed in the Blantyre area, together with disposable sanitary pads, body lotion, bathing and washing soap.

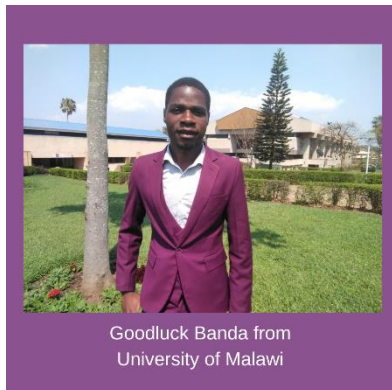
## More Sponsors Needed.

We are so grateful for those who sponsor students through their secondary school education and some who also sponsor them when they are attending university or college.

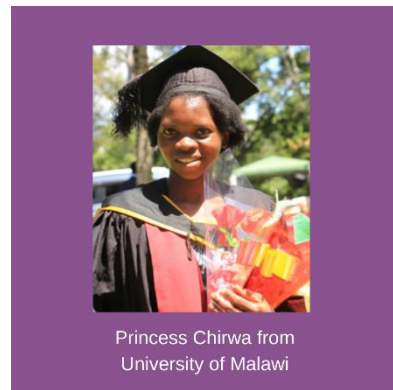
The change that this is making to the lives of these young people is amazing, as they are being educated to enable them to have opportunities to get jobs and a career which for many would not have been possible.

Currently we have 125 students sponsored in Secondary school and 33 in tertiary education, but there are always more children who need to be sponsored.

If you would be willing and are able to become a sponsor, please contact Fiona, our UK Sponsorship Coordinator Email: [fiona\\_gibbon@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona_gibbon@hotmail.com)



Goodluck Banda from  
University of Malawi



Princess Chirwa from  
University of Malawi

***"I fully appreciate the support that you have been giving me. Through your help I have managed to get secondary education which has so far opened the gates to university education."***

***- Goodluck Banda (sponsored student)***

For more information about the sponsorship programme please view our webpage

[www.starfishmalawi.com/student-sponsorship](http://www.starfishmalawi.com/student-sponsorship)

## Register Now to walk at Bewl Water on 17th June



We are looking forward to being back at Bewl Water.

Over the years we have been walking there, hundreds of people have been helping to raise funds for our Glad Tidings project.

Through this support many, many children have benefitted from healthcare, education, meals and much more. Currently there are 525 children registered but many more come into the Saturday clubs.



Please join us on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** to walk this year and enjoy a lovely day in the Kent countryside. If you are not able to join us, why not walk with friends or family in a location near you and get sponsored for doing it.

For more information about the projects, please view these webpages:

[www.starfishmalawi.com/glad-tidings](http://www.starfishmalawi.com/glad-tidings)  
& [www.starfishmalawi.com/hopeclinic](http://www.starfishmalawi.com/hopeclinic)

## News Snippets

**Date for your diary** – Starfish annual dinner at Sandhurst Baptist Church is on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Maternity Wing** – the roof is on, and the walls are being plastered.

**Telling others about Starfish** – we have leaflets and flyers available as pdf or hard copy to enable you to raise the awareness of our work among your circle of friends and church families. Let Nikkie know if you would like to be sent some.

**General Gift vouchers** – you can now give your friends and family a Starfish gift voucher. These are available from Nikkie at [admin@starfishmalawi.com](mailto:admin@starfishmalawi.com)

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