

### CHILDREN'S CLUB REPORT JULY 2019

The Children's Club Programme is progressing well in all areas. Children's meetings in the centres are being conducted and making good progress. All the 14 centres have kids who love the gatherings - their lives changing every day for the better.

Leaders continue to have monthly training and many are bringing testimonies on how their own lives are developing both spiritually and socially. One of the leaders said they have learned



something new each time they attend the meetings.

*Left: Children at one of the meetings*

Just in this month of July the children's leaders had a prayer and fasting day when they were praying for the work with the children.

Dorothy and Judith, leaders from Rashid Children's Club, said how the monthly trainings have helped them a lot, particularly in the area of forgiveness. They said they always remember the teachings when there is forgiveness needed in their personal lives.

*Right: Dorothy and Judith*



### NEW DEVELOPMENT

85 Children from G.T.O.C. graduated from 3 months of training they had undergone with Operation Christmas Child (O.C.C.). O.C.C is an organisation that works together with churches and Christian organisations in reaching out to children with the love of God. They present the gifts to the children, then teach them the Word of God using a booklet entitled 'The Greatest Journey'.

Children's Club leaders from G.T.O.C were trained on how to do the course. Upon completion of the training the kids received certificates, and a New Testament Chichewa Bible. This version of

the bible is good for children because it has pictures that illustrate some of the stories.



**Egnart Kadziwa**

Egnart Kadziwa,, one of the Children's Club Leaders at G.T.O.C. trained by OCC, says the children are taught about the life of Jesus, His love and the aim for His mission. Children were also encouraged that walking with God is the greatest journey for Man. As a leader she was very much encouraged with the training and says her life has improved spiritually and her knowledge has increased as a leader.

**Kett Jere**

“My name is Kett Jere, aged 16 and I am a member of the Children's Club at G.T.O.C. The OCC programme has assisted me to know many more Bible verses than before, even though I have been going to Church for a long time. My relationship with my fellow youth has improved from the time we had the training. Sometimes the trainer was giving me a chance to teach my fellow students as part of revision on what she has already taught us. This has given me confidence to share verses, ideas, and the opportunity to interact well with other children. During these lessons I have learnt many things that will develop my life both spiritually and educationally.



**Evanco Madalitso.**

Evanco Madalitso is a 10-year-old boy who attends the Children’s Club at GTOC every Saturday. He says he was not able to interact with his friends before the course - “I have learnt a lot on how to have a good relationship with others. I have also learnt how to respect elders, friends and how to love.”

### DISTRIBUTION OF DONATED BALLS

In the month of April, Starfish distributed balls to all the Clubs - each Club got 2 balls, one for the boys and one for the girls. The balls were donated by Jan Mileham's friends from the UK. Also friends from Wales, Min y Don Christian Centre, gave us five more balls that helped us to distribute a total of 28 balls to the 14 centres.

#### **Right: *Leaders with the new balls***

The leaders thanked Starfish and those who donated the balls to their centres. They said that the balls came timely when they were needed the most.



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