

September 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.



Youth Outreach Sport Bonanza

In the week before schools go back after the long holiday, Starfish have arranged for many years a sports bonanza. The event reaches out to youth in the community with the Gospel, through sport.

The activity is part of our annual evangelistic outreach, targeting Children's Clubs and other groups, where Starfish seeks to preach Christ to the youngsters.

We arrange a large interschool knockout competition for football and netball.

Approx 16 teams take part each year (8 football and 8 for netball).

This year there were 120 students taking part.

The games attracted large crowds of people who came to Masalura School in Salima to watch.

Watch the Video's online - https://starfishmalawi.com/newsletters





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Children's Clubs Update

We have just received an update about these clubs.

Since the programme began in 2008, Starfish have registered 1594 Children. There are 14 Centres in Schools, Churches and Orphan Care Centres across Salima.

The Children's clubs provide a safe environment for children to grow.

The leaders teach the children safe and better ways to live so that they can maximise their joy in a country where poverty is rife.

We now have 36 volunteers, both men and women who run these Centres. Each month they receive training to help them do their work in a skilful manner and have good personal conduct, so that they can set a good example to the children they teach.



For more information, please Click Here

Teachers and Maternity Staff Houses

We are pleased to report that the foundations of three houses are being constructed and hopefully will be completed by early October.

One will be for the Everland teachers and two will be for the maternity staff.

We are so grateful that all three houses have been funded and soon can be used well for the benefit of the community.



Could You Help A Student Through Secondary School?

Our student sponsorship programme has assisted many students through secondary education, making a real difference to their lives.

We are so grateful for all the sponsors who have given the funds to pay for school fees and give lasting hope to hundreds of children.

However, we now need new sponsors to step forward, as we have over 90 students applying to the Starfish office for help with school fees.

The monthly cost between £20 Full details of the programme are on our website <u>Click here</u>

> . If you would to consider becoming a sponsor, please contact Fiona fiona gibbon@hotmail.com



SAUDA JUWAWO

"After writing my standard 8 exams, I was selected to Lilongwe Girls Secondary School. At that point I was so worried because I thought it was the end of the road for my education because my parents could not afford to pay my school fees. But everything changed as Starfish introduced me to my sponsors who paid my school fees," explained Sauda Juwawo.

After finishing her education, Sauda was selected to Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR), where Starfish continued to help her with pocket money.



Sauda also shared,

"In October last year, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and I am now working as an intern at Salima District Council. Now I am able to provide for my family and pay fees for my younger siblings.

Thank you to my wonderful sponsors and to Starfish."



Advance Notice

Please watch your inbox for the Autumn Appeal.

This will be launched on 27th September and is focusing on funding mosquito nets and toiletries for the children at Glad Tidings and Salima Blind school.

Reminders:

Annual Dinner – Saturday 7th October 2023

There is still space to book your place.

Apart from eating together, we will also hearing the latest details about the projects accompanied by a photo powerpoint.

We are also delighted to tell you that Tender Loving Craft from the Life church Maidstone, will be having a lot of lovely items for you to purchase.

Contact Nikkie on admin@starfishmalawi.com

Sponsored Knit a Scarf

We are so grateful to those churches who have become involved in this venture.

There are knitters already creating amazing scarves, but we know that some churches have an event later in the Autumn.

Please let us know if your church can become involved in this, as not only will there be scarves for children but always funds are being raised through sponsorship of the knitters.

Thank you. More details - <u>https://starfishmalawi.com/sponsored-knit-a-scarf</u>

