

Update Our hearts go out to Fiona and her mom and family as her Dad has passed away. He had fallen 100 meters off a mountain cliff while hiking with family. Fiona had been here with us for almost a year as a volunteer on her gap year, she was and remains a treasure in many of our hearts here at TMC. Thank you for praying for them and please continue as they walk this new chapter of life.

Tiyamike Mulungu Center Malawi East Africa



October 19, 2015, **Life is a challenge and we are up to it... in Him !!!** "Just pray and obey..." Ha Ha so easily said "Lets addand error on the side of mercy when we don't hear clear..." For the times we do .. isn't it good!!!

A QUESTION.... JUST WHAT IS HAPPENING AT TMC ???

So glad you asked Read on... and on ... and on.... Hey you asked... besides you will just be reading what you have made possible!!!



NOW WITH A FUTURE!!! With a couple rooms and toilet added another small house on the new property became a haven for three single moms and their children, another soon to join them, as well as the wife of one of our long time young men who is at teacher training college for another year. The girls go to school at our secondary school of which there are four students paying and 18 non-paying students from TMC or who have left and returned (such as our young men in picture below) after finding unfulfilled promises and failed provision outside from those, we hope were well meaning people.

Mr. Cephis Mthobwa and his wife and family now live in a TMC house (we added a room and bathing area) Cephis assists teaching our reception (pre-Standard /grade one class) He and his family have had a major life change and we (and with you) have been glad to be a good part of it what an honor!!) This man went blind after having a high fever, it was shortly after that, his first wife left taking their son (at his left) with her. He has a education to the point of beginning Form 4 (grade 12) and so speaks English fairly well and has learned Braille. He remarried and his wife and he have two children. They have an orphaned girl relative (Lower right) as well. His wife became blind at 9 years of age from measles and so their 7 year old daughter Flora, has been the eyes for the family for some time. She is now in our school and they are living in a house on the property we purchased for the new Primary School. Cephis often sings during our Sunday gatherings, his smile from the first time we met him in such difficult circumstances has just increased.



Kerstin with Maria her first steps in her new walker!!! HAPPY AND WHAT A SMILE!!!



LEFT: UK team the Shepherds with Kerstin our long time UK daughter ... Andy Shepherd an accountant and business entrepreneur was great help in realigning our accounts and methodology, Ally wife to Andy, a dentist, checked all our kids and gave TMC a huge thumbs up saying they must be having a good diet and reasonable sugar WOW!!! No cavities to treat!! Their children, Anna and Ben and Rachel just loved on the kids , games big time and the now famous "You Tube Tiyamike Mulungu Center Kids Video" you just have to check it out!!! Also in their spare time, they taught at a mini-conference for local Pastors which was well received. Ally and Kerstin currently co-lead Open Door Church at Rochdale near Manchester UK.



Check out "Dream Riders Malawi " Mo and sons Patrick and Daniel made a 4,000 km mtn ride for Education in Malawi. What a feat!!! Mo n wife Joanna head up Iris Ministries in Bangula.



This is Moses on Sept 2015, one of our miracle boys, May 2013, blind, deaf, screaming with pain and body paralyzed. Morphine helped, Doctors are still baffled. He is much better and still coming up, please keep him in prayer for full recovery.



Heimsoth Team: with us for a nite, Eric, Newman, Alex, Mike, TMC 3, Michelle and Martha. Mike n Michelle often with Alex faithfully for the last 20 plus years from one end of Malawi to the other sharing with pastors.

Thank you with love Will, Pam n Mary

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And on the Flood Survivor Camps... We have been somewhat frustratedly involved with the wind down of the flood survivor camps, a situation so easy to judge others in, the shutting down of camps, Food support was withdrawn and starter packs with plastic sheeting (for temporary roofing) hoes for gardening, panga knife for cutting, a couple blankets and some other items for survival were distributed. Since the food was withdrawn, other than what we could deliver which we kept to about 2/3 of what was needed so as to not be accused of thwarting the authorities "camp dismemberment plans" the people were selling the starter kit items to buy food and it was the traders who benefited. We had stopped giving the bathing basins and items we had (and some of which we still have) that would be misused hoping to find a way forward to the betterment of the situation. Out of sight out of mind... the camp tents have been removed and the people have dispersed to where and what circumstances does not require much imagination. We are not sure how we can help but it isn't forgotten...

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT BY TMC.... You have to be kidding... How do we get these things going??? Well we found trainers for our ladies and then videoed the five days sessions WOW ... So there we were, dropping our friends at the airport and a past Pastor acquaintance comes up telling us Berkley Badger has arrived on this same flight , we hadn't seen Berkley's face for 8 to 10 years even though we e-mailed once in a while. He and his team are doing translations for the Muslim dominated Yao people and even in Pakistan and such using solar recorders with the bible as a vehicle. So we had a great visit hearing what they are doing and even made a connection for a Pakistani friend (Christian) who has his family in Pakistan.... Then as we are leaving Pastor Steven says why don't you check out the ECD offices in Dirande they have a major part of that system . We hadn't heard much of them but thought "Why not .." We stopped by that afternoon and shared with the Executive Director that we had posted a five day training program on You Tube for early Childhood Development workers, all in the Chichewa language. Archie was polite and semi interested and sent us on our way with kind courtesy. We received an email from him shortly which said he and his staff were very excited about our videos and would be sending the information to all the CBCC'S (Community Based Child Care facilities, according to Govt 900,000 children..) in Malawi WOW.. How our good and loving Father uses these small (and not so small) efforts to bless people we don't even know. So if you speak Chichewa and work with children, check out ECD Malawi Day one on YouTube!!

Executive Director Archie Malista Web: www.aecdm.org



School tables , chairs and filing cabinets and a wood planer and much more a part of a UK Container .. Thank you St. Peters for your part and our amazing Tiyamike Mulungu Center UK Team !!!



My wonder-ful wife and our incredible UK daughter (she has been joined with us since before TMC began), Kerstin and her team and UK friends of TMC are amazing in their faithful support and efforts to help keep us going!!!



A new friend Debbie from USA and old friend TMC Ambassador Mario from Australia !!!



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Lady and ten poopies !!



The Robinsons and friends and Jacques on the right, a wonderful visit and meal ... Hey Matt see u for Christmas!!!

Mercy n Truth Medical Missions from Kansas: Katie, Cindy (Cindy a many times visitor and a fearless, tireless and loveable leader) **Yvonne and Kevin, great nurses and boy did they go thru our kids and staff!** Thank you ... hmmm and next year??? Oh and Kevin doubled as protection for everyone thank you Sarge!!

For those who have been so faithful in helping we are so glad you please more than just us here and that He really does store treasures in Heaven. From us, our children and staff, Thank you very much! As to the on-going side of funding, we are in need of regular donors as Holy Spirit nudges (as always) ... With the qualified teachers salaries it has been a challenge. Please share the good news of whats happening here with those you think may be interested in coming on board. TMC and the Schools are making a major difference in lives and changing the futures of generations. We do need help... prayer, finances, visitors, ambassadors... it really is simple just do what has been stirred in your heart, in peace and always grace in love Will, Pam n Mary



Thank you again to St. Peters School for all your help, books, uniforms, and much more, the jerseys are great, the kids love them!!

TIYAMIKE MULUNGU SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS (taken September 2015)

TMSS is not the normal Malawian Secondary School. We have qualified teachers, books, equipment and require a pass grade of 60% in all classes with 70% in English and Math, before proceeding to the next form/grade.



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TIYAMIKE MULUNGU CENTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Taken April 23, 2015 there would be 54 more students if it was Sept 2015)



And.... needed...soon and very soon..... a 2-story school with classrooms for six to seven hundred students. We have the property paid for from an inheritance from Pam's Dad, we had hoped to nurture into some leave behind for our family. Those funds will only be repaid if there is a designated wish by someone to do so, all funds we receive for the school will be used for the school and development of the property. A precious lady from UK has already sown the first seed of 2000 GBP's in honor of her Father. So lots of room to get on board if you have that little (Hmmm or big) nudge.

TMC PRIMARY SCHOOL EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONAL IMPACT...



Tiyamike Mulungu Center Primary School September 2015 enrollment: TMC Children 98, TMC Staff Children 52, Community Children 115 Full to the brim with 265 children! Sadly so, with children turned away.

15 more reasons why we need quality education !!



The Welder!! Naomi, Adam, Emily ...fellow Canuks for Will, came for a nite of fun with the kids..



Eliza with some of the little girls Clapping!!



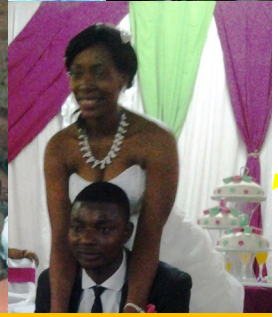
Our new wading pool !!



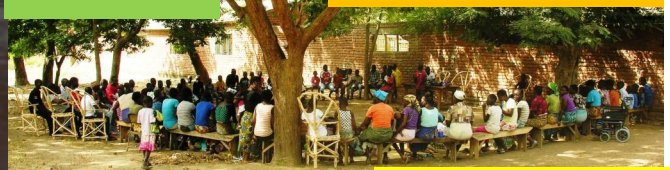
Yohane's Choir in new tops from a precious lady in UK



TMC Church outside



Lewis (one of our boys now a Pharmacist) and Cecilia his bride



We are blown away by this letter, After asking our kids for submissions for Kids Korner. There were nice drawings but basically nothing I could put in the post that was of interest. I thought of asking 18 yr old Madilitso, who has a desire to be a journalist, if he had a topic. To encourage him, I mentioned about 10 topics none of which included this one. Was he interested in writing a note? He was gone about 10 to 15 minutes and came back with the letter I have scanned. No editing, no rewriting, He was expecting me to type it in. So hand written and right from his heart and understanding.

This letter was so unexpected by Pam and myself, it deals with much of what we have been battling for years and we wonder how you, our friends and supporters view the challenges we have faced here in Malawi. Some background to why Madilitso would write this letter:

1) **Constant repetitive statements from Govt that Institutionalized care is disastrous for children reinforcing a shame based stigma on impoverished relatives and orphaned children.**

2) **Belief structures parroting statements like:**

a) Orphanages are the most costly method of caring for children: *This statement never includes the economic benefits of staff employed, supplies purchased for the centers operation, the benefit of future incomes of the graduates from the homes who stay in the area near their relatives, the use of the buildings when orphan care is no longer an issue.*

b) Children are not stimulated and do not receive care and individual attention: *Why not? Are there no training programs by Government? Where is the supervision? For four years we have had two teams of care-ladies, each team comes for 1/2 month 24/7. The little ones have the same two carer's, it works well! Does anyone think there is stimulation and individual attention for orphans in the rural villages?*

c) Orphans are unable to function in society: *This can be just as true with orphans staying with relatives and depends on the environment and provision of education and encouragements as to the value of the person and preparation for a good future the child can have. Do orphans living with impoverished relatives have comparable opportunities?*

d) Orphans are separated from relatives, roots and culture: *It can happen with the stigmatization placed on orphans in Care Centers by the statements and attitudes of misinformed, even though possibly (hopefully) well meaning authorities.... But why should it? There should be no shame placed on relatives that cannot possibly care for their own children let alone the orphans of their relatives! Removing the shame assists with maintaining preferred integration.*

FROM: Orphanage Wikipedia : There is an increasing body of evidence that orphanages, especially large orphanages, are the worst possible care option for children.^{[13][14]} In large institutions all children, but particularly babies may not receive enough eye contact, physical contact, and stimulation to promote proper physical, social or cognitive development.^{[15][16]} In the worst cases, orphanages can be dangerous and unregulated places where children are subject to abuse and neglect.^{[13][17][18]} **There is only one significant study (see page 6) which disputes this. It was carried out by Duke University.** Their researchers concluded that institutional care in America in the 20th century produced the same health, emotional, intellectual, mental, and physical outcomes as care by relatives, and better than care in the homes of strangers.^[19]

DUKE UNIVERSITY The university's campus spans over 8,600 acres (35 km²) on three contiguous campuses in Durham as well as a marine lab in Beaufort. Duke's main campus—West Campus 1.5 miles away is adjacent to the [Medical Center](#). Duke is also the 7th wealthiest private university in America with \$11.4 billion in cash and investments in fiscal year 2014.^[2] **Will's Note: please see pg 6 "Foster care vs Modern Orphan-**

GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT
CLOSE ORPHANAGES

On whatever grounds, it is out of idea that government should contemplate or closing down orphanage, such as ideas crops more questions that answers or which many has no tangible solutions.

To begin with, almost every reasonable and sensible man can ask himself or herself what has government or ours has done for orphans that can claim the pressure ~~press~~ the obvious answer is nothing. So why should it be on forefront to attempt to implement that

killing and impoverishing plan? A question without answer.

Millions of us are living in a complete hopeless life, living nothing to cover our bare bodies, with nothing to fill our empty bellies, nothing to depend on, nothing to hope for, and even nothing to think back for. It is only glacielling attempt of these orphanage that ~~seem~~ has made some of us to get schooling, giving out living independently, and even assuring parental love, care and support or which most of us has been a day-light dream since the death of our respective parents. It is obvious that without

Orphanage most of us could be rich, robbers and some type of human of no value on earth.

Either way, government must not close orphanages or it should expect a noisome actions from the beneficiaries, or which I believe we are as many as sky stars.

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A 2013 study by a Child Advocate NGO working hand in hand with the Government showed 93 % of the relatives of the children in our care at TMC are in the ULTRA-POOR category.

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Being an Advocate for the Orphans of Malawi and even Africa does not necessarily mean you are automatically in opposition to Government policies and Well-doers such as UNICEF and those sincere heart carers, who write and formulate and speak from what they have come to understand as truth. We must not be guided only by our personnel experience rather by what can be learned from and how to improve on those experiences bad and good. It seems our goals are the same "Care for the Orphans." There is an old African saying (as of today ...so not that old and in truth... plagiarized from somewhere years ago..) "A man with experience is never at the mercy of a man with teaching." Of course it can be debated and doesn't say it all, however it says much for those with ears and heart to listen! We read the 18 year old young man's note on the previous page can we hear? Is it true? His report is from experience! Not second or third hand ... Can anyone hear?



http://www.unicef.org/protection/files/Moving_Forward_Implementing_the_Guidelines_English.pdf

Chapter 3 34 CLICK TO REFER TO THE GUIDELINES SCOPE AND TERMINOLOGY OF THE GUIDELINES It is vital to distinguish between 'residential facilities' and 'institutions'. The latter term is used only once in the Guidelines – to describe 'large residential facilities' (§ 23). It is of course 'institutions', and not residential facilities as a whole, that are to be targeted through a 'de-institutionalisation strategy' [see Focus 3]. In truth, there is no universally agreed definition – in the Guidelines or elsewhere – of what constitutes an 'institution' as opposed to other residential care settings. According to the Guidelines, size is one factor, but this is largely because of the now well-documented negative impact that large-scale group care frequently has on the well-being and development of children, and on the capacity to safeguard and promote their rights. So, rather than simply focus on every residential facility above a given size, **it is important to tackle what is often called an 'institutional culture' – the regimes and day-today organisation that take little account of individuality, or psychological and emotional needs, and tend to isolate children from the outside world. In other words, a degree of pragmatism is required to determine whether or not a given facility should be considered as an 'institution'.** Finally, the Guidelines also mention 'supervised independent living arrangements' (§ 29.c.v). These are designed for children and young people in transition from a formal care setting to an independent life in the community. iii. Concepts are not absolute The above review of the nomenclature and categories within alternative care settings is intended to provide the necessary foundations for a common understanding of the scope and intentions of the Guidelines. Such a common understanding is particularly important because the same or similar terms may be used around the world to define what are significantly different care settings and/or diverse legal and administrative requirements and responsibilities. But the categories cannot be seen as watertight or definitive concepts. The variety of recognised care settings that exist in practice do not always correspond perfectly to generic descriptions; some have been described as 'hybrid'. For example, a residential facility may be both 'family-like' and smaller than certain family-based settings, and a 'family-type home' may not only look after children but also young people who, having been placed there as children, remain there while they set out on the path to achieving an independent life. **The main concern for implementing the Guidelines is the extent to which any alternative care option, no matter how it is defined, provides necessary and individualised quality care in line with international standards, and respects the overall rights and best interests of the child.**

EXCERPT FROM "Foster Care versus Modern Orphanages" The Orphanage Option in the Past. Arguably, child welfare officials should understand that children need some stability in their lives, something that was once offered in orphanages. Back in the mid-1990s, a child welfare expert summarized conventional orphanage wisdom: "Orphanages damaged children: emotionally, behaviorally, and intellectually." In response, I argued in a *Wall Street Journal* column that the orphanage where I grew up in the 1950s was hardly perfect but was far better than experts imagined. A large number of orphanage alumni responded, "Right on!" I followed with a survey of 2,500 aging alumni who lived in 15 American orphanages prior to the mid-1960s, and guess what? The orphanage alumni at the time of my research had outpaced their age counterparts on education, income and attitudes toward life (and a couple of dozen other social-economic measures): The alumni had a median income 10 percent to 60 percent higher than the general population in their age group; in part because they had a 39 percent higher college graduation rate. They also had substantially lower unemployment and crime rates. More than 85 percent of the alumni reported favorable or very favorable assessments of their orphanage days. A scant 2 percent reported unfavorable memories **ANOTHER EXCERPT:** When I was producing a documentary on *Homecoming: The Forgotten World of America's Orphanages*, in which aging alumni at four orphanage homecomings were filmed, the producers and cameramen were incredulous at the dominance of positive assessments of orphanage experiences they were recording.

Will's Note: read what the study says about interviews of 3000 African Orphans

Sept 23, 2015, Pam and I were invited to partake in a panel discussion on Rehabilitation and Care of Vulnerable Children to be aired on Malawi TV. It was at times lively and we hope beneficial to help expand some mindsets even beyond the panel members. It helped us see the depth of the negative attitude towards Childrens Homes as alternative care solution. It seems only the information in support of such mindsets have been available to these and many well-meaning Govt and NGO personnel. The picture at left is blurred on purpose. We welcome your prayer. By the way we do not expect to be closed.



For those interested, check out this document on the internet: [Foster Care versus Modern Orphanages Issue Briefs](#) | [Social](#) | [Welfare](#)



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