



TIYAMIKE MULUNGU CENTER

Malawi East Africa



Feb 14, 2012 A SPECIAL Thank you to you all for your help for Christmas 2011 and BEYOND \O/



The smiles
you brought
the hearts
you touched
were many
and

The 2011 Christmas onsite Team

Outdoor tub for babies



Main Kitchen drain rebuild into the new soakaway Thk U



Dickson making a door 4 our new classroom



Rebuilt pushcart for children play and staff use complete with Don's barke invention !!! WOW



Concrete floor in our new classroom, (part of carpenter shop)



Rebuild and paint our clinic room ThkU



Kitten n Kids too cute to miss



New Laundry Station THANKYOU!!!



Don REBUILDING our cook stoves

YOUR SUPPORT HAS ALLOWED ALL OF THIS \O/



Some of our small boys unloading 100 cabbages

Below are pics of the baby house ready for babies



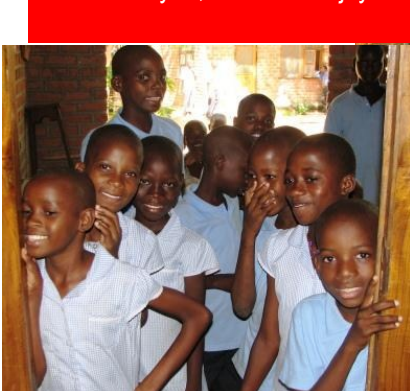
Money and such....Dear friends, the way money arrives we have no way of saying this was used for that (If we can we use funds as donors wish and / or if it is definite instruction we will honor that) All funds were used as they came before, after or long after Christmas what a blessing you have all been!! One day we will have cash flow and thus regulated budgets to say definitely these funds went here but for now it is one day at a time and has been that way for almost nine years. One thing we do know it always works out amazingly so to Pam and I Hmmm and likely makes the angels laugh at me \O/



The "unending blessing container" "...love made beautiful knitted babies hats n clothes, meds, child clothes, toys, foot-balls, jump ropes, games, uniforms, shoes, so much!!! Thank you Charlotte, Kerstin n trustees, love knitters, and generous friends !



Your help allowed: Fancy Lunch (Class by Class) with our kids !! A lot of work for Pam, we and they loved it!!!! Still three classes to go \O/... New Uniforms and BIG SMILES!!! So many other things because of you, read and enjoy \O/



Here we are February 14, 2012 ... We thought we (Pam and Will) would be in Calgary by now (and are so glad we are not!!!) Well now the expectation is the end of Feb or at latest middle of March ... We will see \O/ Hmmm "How do you make God chuckle?" The answer to the question ... "Make Plans!" We make plans but are so glad He orders our steps! An example: We had plans to buy at least ten small goats early in January after the high price season of Christmas..... That was before we discovered difficulties with our boys' site manager and have had to replace him. He was to be the one to caretake the goats with the boys.... What a challenge that would have been had we rushed ahead \o/ so goats on hold for now and focused on getting another school room prepared and so many other catch-up projects. Have a look at the third page of this news letter... pic worth a thousand words... He was also the man for our garden project at the boys' site. We have moved him to the maize field away from the boys, until his contract runs out end of March. All in all many challenges but things going well. We have been having our children in for a western meal (lunch time). We had tried to do that several years ago at supertime but just too wiped and unworkable for evening. We have a pretty big meal for lunch when we have the kids come but it is so worth it!!! You can have a look at the pics Page 3. I went over to do a review (inspection) of the boys' site yesterday ... we moved them out to our tents (from past Lake Malawi excursions) and are doing a spruce up with paint and such the next few days... some of the sad fruit of stretched management, but things are coming up and we now have new fellow who seems promising. Working on new bathing rooms and bringing it up several notches. We just bought battery lights (LEDS) for our boys evening reading and such. They like that more than the candles which have increased so much in cost... Well just sending a ***sincere and heartfelt thank you to Randy, Pastor Dave and everyone at Fairway CRC, The outa-the-box bunch of Aussies Murray n Caz, Glenn n Liane and Brad n Lela at Liquid Church, Grace and Frances and Liette and all at Grace Christian Center, our friends in UK Kerstin and the trustees of UK Tiyamike, friends at Open Door, Charlotte and her family and friends. Including any I may have overlooked. Through your gifts we have had a wonderful Christmas and made it thru January and much of February.*** We have refocused some of our projects to renovating part of our carpenter shop into a school room and we hope in the future to build another school room next to this one. We have included as many pictures as we could to show you what has been done (and much needed things) so **THANK YOU**. We still have the other projects on the radar screen but surely need reliable staff to implement... \O/ at least until our children are proficient at whatever task needed. So now to sign off and please look in the mirror and tell that one you see they are as an only child of the King!!! And they (you) have His ear as well as His heart ... Lotsa love Will n Pam

And....The shopping trip of the year

There were three of us that headed out from TMC to Blantyre to do the Christmas shopping for clothes. Mary Dawrant our retired teacher and co-worker at TMC and Marie Cochrane who was visiting us with her husband Don. We headed first to Limbe (an annexed smaller city now part of Blantyre) where much of the good shopping is. Hmmm where you hang on to your purse, bags and phone as well! Marie was to look for the older boys !2 to 18 who needed at least two shorts and shirts each. It seemed Marie was a bit out of her comfort zone but she pushed thru and after getting all the measurements ...heartily attacked the job... look out venders and shop keepers!!!! By the end of the day and around 14 shops later she had managed to come up with about half the amount needed. Mary who is a veteran Limbe shopper headed off in a different direction with her list of the 5 to 7 yr old girls. Mary has a true artistic side to her and was amazing in the mix and match outfits she found... At the end of the day she only had a few skirts and tops still left to search out and complete her list. My (Pam) job was to find outfits for the boys from 2yrs to 12 yrs. We had some shorts left over from last year's Christmas purchases and I was glad to find some second-hand, but great quality, T-shirts to go with them. I then wanted to find a second outfit for them, but needed two each for the ones under 7 yrs. That proved very difficult, as most everything I (Pam) found was nylon and cheaply made with very weak stitching on the seams. Finally I found a couple shops with some shorts and shirts sets, they even had a little tie with elastic to hold them in place. That ended day one!

Our second day of project "search and buy" required more collaboration between us. Working as a team we assaulted the ranks of shop owners and more of the short/shirt sets were found. We were then having the greatest difficulty find the medium-sized boys shorts and shirts. A small scale chain store had 3 of its shops in Blantyre and we scoured them all, looking for sales and suitable clothes! Finally after much team work and effort we had filled our needs ...except for two boys who each had three arms and therefore were hard to find shirts for Now where did that come from (my husband's very strange sense of humor somehow \O/) well we did have two more to buy for and no they do not have three arms. We had to pay more but finally finished the job, at least that part... Now to round out the challenges of the second day, off to buy molded slippers at a wholesale outlet that knows us too well... as we have to replace slippers about every two to three months... so sort and size and yes different styles fit different feet shapes so not a simple chore!!! Finally we finish the day happy and so glad to have that aspect of Christmas preparation DONE!!!

The fruit of our labors was great, after getting the clothes and slippers correctly labeled and in the correct bags for each child (remember we are dealing with 120 plus children's packages as well as another 12 packages for another children's home friends have.There were also some of our returnees for Christmas. The kids were ecstatic over their clothes! It was such fun to see the little boys putting on their ties even before their shirts, they loved them! The children were all dressed in their fine new clothes for boxing day and looked great!!!! So happy!!! Thank you so much!!!! Pam and Will and all the co-sojourners of life at TMC.