# PLEASE LISTEN AND PRAY Oct 7th ... a Monday morning like TIYAMIKE MULUNGU CENTER

all other Monday mornings until we Malawi East Africa



Will and Pam Phillips

for these the Lord knows



## LOVE, LAUGH, n LIVE !!! n sometimes cry \O/ n Dance n SHOUT!!!





TMC Secondary students were given bank accts (with money) ,and all needs including promises of tutors and future education including University (if they did well) They are now in classes of 70 to 80 to 90 students with one teacher crammed together in our Nov heat ..... Please pray for them to have relatives that will encourage them and for the discipline to carry thru. We miss them greatly.

Secondary School Form Two beginning Sept (previously Form One)

November 10, 2013 will be a banner day at TMC as we are having a "RELATIVES DAY" we have had these periodically however this is one we expect many to attend, as we will be sharing about the Service Agreement we have as of Sept 10 with the Authorities that state Hostrelatives for orphaned children will be prepared with training and funding to enable them to look after their own children and equipped to receive the orphans prior to receiving them. If this is followed thru by the Government it will be wonderful as many relatives would gladly receive the children if they are equipped!! This possibly brings adjustment to the Village Project at least in the need for multiple Villages. The information we have been given is there are 450 plus desperate orphans in the Shire Valley who are not cared for. We have for years been focused on primarily receiving very small babies whose mothers have passed. How Social Services plans to care for these we have no idea as their goal in the future is to have no child care facilities

Education as a tool used by people of integrity and character will break the poverty cycle !!!! Teach a man to fish! We have a young man Epheson has had some struggles (test results lower than desired) but is moving forward in accounting school, if you want to be part of our education solution for our children's futures, just let us know. The needs are many, washer and 2 dryers, a frig, a deep freeze, gas cooking set up for our kitchen (180 plates each mealtime), a replacement vehicle for our little truck, WE HAVE FUNDS FOR MOST OF THESE NEEDS NOW!!!! We are putting purchases and development on hold while we get issues clarified and accurate information to appropriate decision makers but still needing ongoing funds for everything from operating to preparing for our Village Program and prayer for favor in having Government approvals for the Village Program. We need TEACHERS — people (not necessarily accredited) who can come alongside our Malawian teachers and help them and our 100 students come up!

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### CELEBRATE LIFE !!!!! GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME !!!!!!!!!!



TMC 12 yrs and older at YWAM Camp A WONDERFUL TIME!

Tabea in green top is one of our favorite friends and works with YWAM she has been visiting us since 2005.

Wiktor in Black shirt and wife Sue (in Uk) have been working in the Shire Valley for 25 years. He has been instrumental in many helps for TMC including our chicken program and a years supply of morning nutritional porridge for our children. Many helps and visitors come through this good friend! They have a beautiful Lodge "Fisherman's Rest" located at the top of the escarpment towards Blantyre.



Heather with red flag on her arm and across Milou w head on hand with us for a year. WOW

Fairway
Church in
Grand Rapids MI
loaned us
these new
friends and
Kris an
older one!



Volley ball with Fairway Church ... always fun !!!

32 members of Game Social a WallMart type Store in Blantyre drove 3 hrs to play our Kids and when they got off the bus I thought OH NO our kids are in trouble... 2 to 0 TMC in Red Jerseys won WOW! Thku Game Social Team for your effort to come and be with us.



















The Blind Sack race ending catching Poppa Will

#### RELATIVES OF NSANJE/CHICKWAWA ORPHAN'S TO BE EQUIPPED TO RECEIVE THEM.

September 10, 2013 was a banner day for Shire valley orphans and their relatives willing to care for them. Much hope has risen due to a Service Agreement document, complete with all parties' signatures which outlines the equipping which will be provided so that orphans can be properly cared for by their willing relatives. The document was shown to this newspaper's staff. Authorities from District Council's and District Commissioner's offices for Nsanje and Chikwawa have agreed to work hand in hand with timeliness, transparency and cooperation, with a child advocate NGO Eye of the Child and Will and Pamela Phillips of Tiyamike Mulungu Center. Key portions of the agreement are:

- 1) To bring resolution to the registration status of TMC. This is in view of letters from Gov't authorities dated 2003 and 2007 indicating that TMC was registered were not adequate. This information was provided to the Phillips at a meeting at the Malawi Sun Hotel Dec 13, 2011 by the then acting Director of Social Services Mr. W. Manjolo. The letters stating TMC was registered have been shown to staff of this newspaper. Subsequent efforts from that date (Dec 13) by the Phillips to obtain the necessary inspection and approved guidelines as to numbers of children to be housed at TMC and Health care procedures, which are required to accompany an application to register, were frustrated from that time until September 25, 2013. Still without the required support documents, but when released from that requirement by a Govt officer representing the Director, Mr. Y. Chiwanda, the application was submitted that September afternoon. A 20 member team from Nsanje Council and Govt authorities came on Oct 8, for a short time, to assess TMC's application for registration and indicated there would be a decision made on or before two weeks. (Oct 22nd). We await their hopefully favorable response and look forward to working hand in hand as per the Service Agreement in effect. In view of the Service Agreement in its entirety, it would be somewhat amazing to many if an unfavorable recommendation would be rendered.
- 2) To assemble a team of experts to assess and provide recommendations for any areas of operation needing improvement at TMC. This was of great importance to the Phillips as over the years there had been several reports made and never resolved or investigated which contained inaccurate and misleading information.
- 3) To develop, implement and monitor individual case plans for each child in residence at TMC.
- 4) To assess and equip relatives willing to receive their orphaned relatives. A portion of the agreement reads: "Within the assessment detailed and unbiased attention is to be given to the host-relatives access to basic services, including health care, housing, safe water and sanitation, and education, relational issues within the family, the attitude and receptivity of the child/children by the members of the potential host-relatives, over-all credibility in the community, employment history, family income, and where income levels of these host-relatives is not adequate, programs such as support and training for income-generating activities, small business training/equipping and or the establishment of cooperatives, vocational training and micro-credit schemes. Time frames in regards to equipping potential host-relatives and to establish on-going assessment procedures to determine the success and likelihood of sustainability of the assistance intent. To assess whether time frames in regards to the host-relatives readiness, need to be extended prior to assuming care of the child or children."

NOTE in support of 4) please view on internet "CHILDREN ORPHANED BY AIDS" author: UNICEF 1999. (look under "children orphaned by aids unicef")

Will and Pamela Phillips have a trust in the integrity and moral courage needed by those in authority to bring the above described agreement to good fruit and to insure the 114 babies and children in their care are protected from the needless trauma of prematurely removing them to unprepared, unequipped relatives through the enticement of cash transfers and/or promises for future help if they take the children now. The Phillips have been informed there are 450 plus additional impoverished and desperate orphans in the Shire Valley. Why not focus on their relatives being prepared and equipped to care for them and then working through the 6000 plus orphans in Orphan Home type centers? The Phillips believe working with the different orphan care organizations to bring them to at the least an adequate point of care for the babies and children as an interim measure while preparing relatives is paramount to the possibility of a good future for these ones who are such an inconvenience to many. Further information releases will follow.

**Note:** The above Ad was meant to bring some light into the situation which became very clouded for a time it seems so far to be having some success. We are having a Relatives day tomorrow Sunday Nov 10th and have sent invitations out to as many of the relatives of TMC children and babies as we could..... it should be interesting and helpful and informative to the relatives.

And... nothing to do with above... Pam and I met a lady we prayed for a few months ago she has always said how she felt better, heart and diabetes was problem. She just returned from India with a CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH She is so excited!!! Thank you Lord Jesus!!! Thank you Father !!! Thank you Holy Spirit!!!

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Hmmm We are not who we were, although we are glad, we are who we are, it is not who we will be and that is so GOOD!!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Nov 9, 2013 these last two pages have considerable changes here and there .... We include the old info primarily for new readers... hmmm or old readers who forget (one of our privileges as we pass the 6 decade mark) Hopefully there will be new info for everyone sparse as it may be \O/...

**So who are we?** Well best to describe us as older (62 and 63 years) Praise-matic, non-denominational Christians who love Jesus, enjoy Holy Spirit's presence and leading (especially when we listen and hear him) and are so grateful for the love of our Father. We know, that we know, that we know, that we are called to be here in Bangula doing what we are doing. This is our home there is no other. Pam has a back ground as a teacher and assistant head mistress at a Botswana school for 9 or so years having raised her two daughters as a single parent she knows what trusting is about. I (Will) have a background in residential housing construction, I have five grown children and between Pam and I we have 15 wonderful grandchildren. We know the heartache and encompassing devastation of divorce and the miracle of resurrection to an amazing life, marriage and walk with Holy Spirit. What wonderful grace!

What do we do?....Our present task since August 2003, is to provide a home for the orphaned, and/or abandoned babies and children in distress. On occasion we have taken medical outreach teams into more rural areas and as well, share or teach as we can where we can, when we can. This past year we (Pam and Will) had the honor of being ordained by/through our home church in Maple Valley. We live in the Lower Shire Valley located in the south part of Malawi, a place (we are told) was once used as a disciplinary posting for out of favor Government officials...the heat, the housing, the remoteness, the roads and the high rate of Malaria, provided the disciplining. In the past our babies have come from local Chiefs, Hospitals, relatives and broken-hearted Dads.... all thru social Services. We now have an agreement that Social Services will provide assessment and care for the little ones and upon approval of the Child Court will then place the child where deemed to be best. This is a blessing for us and we are hopeful they can carry the ball thru. They have a challenge, Moms die from many different causes including HIV (include opportunistic diseases due to HIV) Birth Complications, Malaria, and many other causes. The babies are brought days and even hours old and Social Services will have the at times heavy load to bring them thru .....sometimes these little ones do not survive due to sepsis, malaria, pneumonia and other issues. If we are called upon to receive them, will continue to immediately take them to the local clinic for a check-up. We are so encouraged as it seems Social Services is being brought into a much more effective practice of service to the ones in need. What a relief this will be if walked out as talked out \0/. So many good ideas however when it comes to implementation the funding now seems to be in place hopefully this is not a flash in the pan and gradually things go back to where they were or worse. So pray much for the people in Social Services, they have heavy loads and now apparently with funding they will be expected to solve many issues quickly... high end expectations by everyone! Last night we heard International donor money was cut off \O/ ... Big problems coming what a great place to be !!!! How do we do what we do? Pam and I are partnered with Generational Hope Christian Center, Pastor Ed Polreich in Maple Valley, Washington, USA, as well as Word Alive Ministries International, Rev Dr. Zacc Kawalala in Blantyre, Malawi, GHCC has faithfully assisted with monthly funds for our personal support for ten years. Other friends from that body have been by our side continually as well with love, counsel, finances and support in many ways. Word Alive has been our good support in providing a kind partnership to facilitate our purposes here. Counsel and wisdom from both sources have been so welcome. There are many friends and friends of friends and people we do not yet know, family,....It is an amazing assortment of so many different people all walks of life, beliefs and different denominations, and different streams of thought, all joined together to assist us in what we are doing ... It is incredible and totally unimaginable to us, as to how so many different people from UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Germany, even from China a few years ago, a dear family sent funds.... Funds come from some (not many) as a regular monthly assist with an amazing regularity from UK friends the last few years. We are likely receiving 30 perhaps 35% perhaps more regularly from the same people each month. The balance comes at sporadic times from many different people as they sense the time is right to help out... It truly is amazing \O/ As to how it all happens, it is just one day at a time, sometimes we do very well and sometimes we wish we had done much better. We always keep going if we fall it is forward we like what a friend Roland has said "We stumble our way to Victory!!!!" You are surely welcome to stumble along with us it really is quite an amazing way to live... \O/ If you can... please come over.

You are welcome to visit our web site for past news letters. Malawiorphans.com. Please e-mail us if you care to join us in any way. (resend if you don't hear within a week or two) \O/ E-Mail: willnpammalawi@africa-online.net

NOTE: Education beginning with the English language, is the most beneficial tool we can equip our children with. We need English-first language teachers with minimum Grade 12 and a heart to teach, It does not take a degree, it takes willingness, patience. Grace is supplied.

Come on over... THE PAY IS LIMITED BUT THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!!!!! COME FOR A SEASON, COME FOR A LIFE TIME \o/ LISTEN TO HOLY SPIRIT HIS WHISPER .....

### Notes (with few changes from last news letters) addressing why we believe it is best for babies/children to stay at TMC

The tragedy of a mother dying during child birth or from complications of child birth, malaria, Aids, pneumonia, or a host of other afflictions.... surely brings tears to the most hardened heart. This would be so without even knowing the ramifications to the surviving family members. Issues such as the loss of a wife and helpmate, a mother to other children, a worker for the garden and whatever piece work that could be found, who will do all that has to be done??? Issues such as the cultural practices and expectations. For example a new born baby requires breast milk from its mother as the best option however second best would be milk from a wet nurse or an auntie, even a grandma who is already nursing one of her own, then after those options are crossed off due to culture, comes the baby milk formulas, these are expensive (monthly costs are several times the rural monthly income if there is the privilege of having a job) and not to forget the required hygienic cares needed. So living in a grass roofed, mud walled hut with a dirt floor and having the life needed duties of carrying water often with a queue an hour or more long to wait if fortunate enough to have a bore hole (drilled water well) in the village, finding and fetching fire wood, cooking, heating bathing water, washing clothes, washing the reed mat used for sleeping at night which is likely urine soaked from nocturnal leakage from children young and older, standing in gueue waiting to have maize ground into flour ...don't forget this is all after working in the garden for hours. Please note: the grass roof gives access to rats which not only eat food stored in plastic bags or the like...but also chew on the calloused feet of the children and even adults while they are sleeping. So many issues of life, school fees, medical costs, funerals, visitors to whom they are culture bound to feed and even assist with transport costs.... All this and more... It is little wonder, the rarity of a new wife willing to take on a new born or baby, even a small toddler born from a deceased wife. In fact very few relatives of any relation are willing to take the challenge, in reality it has little to do with love or lack of love... on the other hand a baby or small child may be brought to us, because of love, the father or relative knowing the life ahead for a motherless child chooses the better avenue. It seems often the reason for bringing a little one is more so the practicalities, cultural issues and new wives mindsets in regards to taking the task on.... Right or wrong doesn't matter much. If the baby, toddler is not wanted its life will hardly be good. We are so thankful for the many relatives who take in an orphaned child and treat them as their own... those we almost never hear about but we are sure it happens. We often ask ... "what baby asked to be born or even had a say in it all, there is only one!!!! " If the child survives to an age to be able to assist they often become the house boy/girl and helper for the new wife's babies as they come. It is not to say the scenario described is the case all the time, however please consider, if a baby is brought to us it is because there is no one else able or willing to take it. That is the bottom line!!! Our goal is not to just provide food and shelter, clothing and medicines. We have to provide a new life, education and a future an equipping to come out of poverty. With your help we are purposed to provide a life and a future ... not just an existence.

So again here in 2013, now Nov Periodically Pam and I receive considerable encouragement from people for the happenings at TMC. What would happen here if it were not for the many of you who have given over the years and continue to do so? Most often it is without thought as to how it is used which allows us to look after the ongoing operating costs. We remember how graciously many of you have given and continue to give, for the things you can't readily see (operating costs). Pam and I daily see the fruit of your gifts in the growth and joys of our children here at TMC. These ones who were at the bottom of society now moving ahead with a future and hopes to do and be far more than they ever dreamed of. The little ones who have always been here are safe and loved and will take it as their due that they will make a difference in this world. We are humbled and at times in awe of the difference being made here in so many lives, not forgetting staff's lives as well. Funds left over from operating costs will be used for...equipping our school, improving life for our children. We have applied for an electrical service for our older boys site and have continued reports it is not forgotten. (maybe by Nov 30 ?? Hmmm which year..soon and very soon....there is much happening here, we welcome those willing to join with us in what ever way they/you can. We remain with the hope of Villages with House parents and their 3 or 4 children and 5 or 6 of ours who can not be placed with equipped relatives as per our Service Agreement of Sept 10, 2013.

So we here, are so often reminded who is who in our little zoo and what a Father he is to us all ... same father different mothers .... Thank you all who come along side no matter the amount, a little from many becomes a lot. Hmmm and the widow gave two coins and that was more than anyone else gave WOW !!! (now tax receipts for USA and Canada, and a Society Number in UK) Not to make light of those who give larger amounts, it is often amazing to us. We appreciate so much those of you who give, whether it is time to pray or share, supplies, funds large or small or yourself to come here.. Remember tell your friends, tell everybody \O/ what the Lord is doing here!!!! If you or friends don't know him yet... Hey both Pam and I were there, until we were 26 yrs old... consider ..we are crazy, we are deceived or trying to deceive or.... He is alive and well and lives in ours and so many others lives so much \O/ We know if He can love and forgive us for all we have or haven't done in the years past and present, He can and definitely will do so for anyone.....Do you ever wonder why we/you have compassion in some circumstances and an urge in our heart to help, yet in other situations we sense nothing, maybe even a definite No!...maybe that's the start of a nudge towards realizing he really wants you, us, everyone...to get to know Him...

just a thought