The House that saves lives !!!!! BLANTYRE BABY HOUSE AND STAFF





Our chief with many of our toddlers

Above our Blantyre Baby House ladies and fourteen babies from a few days old to just under a year... also you will see our new BBH Manager Patrick and his wife Rose who is co-managing and cooking. They have two smaller children and live on site.

An interesting to some ...side note... our baby ladies for both Blantyre and Bangula have for a year this july worked on a half month on, 24/7 and then a half month off ... They love it as they receive regular time for 8 hrs a day plus time and one half for 8 hrs each day... an increased wage, a half month off, and being able to work with the children without having to go home and do all that would be waiting for them there. It gives our babies and little ones the same face morning and night and has bonded many of the ladies hearts to the babies much more than when on 8 hr shifts...

and .. The "other shift " cannot be blamed for issues... \O/ It is good! And everyone benefits!!!

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So who are we? Well best to describe us as older (60 and 61 years) non-denominational Christians who love Jesus, enjoy Holy Spirit 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 asst 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 14 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 grace if we can but receive it... 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 take medical outreach teams into more rural areas and as well, share or teach as we can where we can, when we can. 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. Our babies come from local Chiefs, Hospitals, relatives and broken-hearted Dads.... all thru social Services. 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 we do our best to bring them thrusometimes these little ones do not survive due to sepsis, malaria, pneumonia and other issues. Upon receiving them, we immediately take them to the local clinic for a check-up. They are then, if under 2 yrs of age (depending on the numbers at Blantyre baby house) taken to our Blantyre Baby house, which is within walking distance to the Gov't hospital (which has a well equipped Peds unit and excellent Pediatricians). We have been having to move some back home to TMC early due to the limitations of size at our Blantyre house.

How do we do what we do? Pam and I are partnered with Generational Hope Christian Center, Pastor Ed Polreich in Maple Valley Washington state 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 eight 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 we do the other things in our life, 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.



NOTE: Education beginning with the English language, will be 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 and patience. Grace is supplied.

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Notes addressing why we believe it is best for babies 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 queue 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!!! It is not a good case for us to provide food and shelter, clothing and medicines. We have to provide a new life, education and a future coming out of poverty. Our hearts are purposed to provide a life ... not just an existence.

So in all the thoughts about buying this and that and the need to move forward. We remember how graciously many of you have given and continue to give, for the things you cant 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 fu-

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ture 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 lives as well. Funds left over from operating costs will be used for...equipping the secondary school. Note the materials are on site and waiting to soon develop our sewer system. developing our boys site with goats now that we have built a goat house, a storage system to provide water for irrigating our gardens and and and...solar lights for our 23 boys evening reading.. It is dark at 6pm now....there is much happening here, we are glad to have help from those who are willing to join with us. Remember a little from many becomes a lot. (now tax receipts for USA and Canada, and a Society Number in UK) Not to make light of those who give generously, 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 have compassion in some circumstances and an urge in our heart to help and 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 \O/ Thank you to you all for your care and share and especially your prayer. With much love Will n Pam Page Seven