



Moni Achimwene (Hello, Friends),

The programs at MCV are like seeds planted by hopeful farmers all over the world. Each kernel contains great potential to produce multiple times its humble origin, when carefully planted and nurtured; yet no guarantee of a harvest exists. What is it that motivates the farmer to invest precious time and resources each year -- Hope and past results? A key to MCV's success over the last 22 years is that it is run by Malawians, with international friends, and built on a model of volunteers chosen by each village's chief. These volunteers are at the heart of MCV's core mission - to serve the orphans and most vulnerable children, who are cared for by their extended families in 39 villages near Lake Malawi. The latest census reflects 3,399

children in 1,587 households, of which 670 were newly registered this year. Through the years, a variety of ancillary programs have been implemented to provide a hand-up to these communities. These include:

- Gracious Secondary School, a high school providing a quality education to more than 500 students, about a quarter of which are orphans
- Malaria prevention (bednets)
- HIV education
- Women's Empowerment Program
- Sanitary Pad Project
- Solar projects
- Tree planting
- School-to-school relationships
- University sponsorship opportunities for orphans

- Irrigation and farming enhancement projects
- Special Needs Clinic, caring for 191 children now, and providing manual wheelchairs, walkers, chairs and standers.
- Technical training programs, teaching sewing, masonry and carpentry skills.
- Building and repairing homes for the most needy families.
- Famine and disaster relief during critical times, including the cyclone that hit Malawi hard this past year.

For many people in Malawi, hope is instilled by others. The articles within this newsletter are the result of the seeds of hope that you, our donors, have sown. MCV is only possible through your kind actions.

Zikomo (Thank you),
James Miller, Board President

Gracious Secondary School: Teacher Housing

By Tom/Ruth Nighswander

One of the most gratifying moments from our years of involvement at MCV is to see orphans who would have never had a chance in life, now returning as teachers, nurses, or agriculture experts. The magic is education! MCV's support of the primary schools and the establishment of Gracious Secondary School and the Vocational Technical School have been critical.

Gracious has been very successful. In 2018, it had a 98% pass rate at

graduation, as compared to the national pass rate of 64%. The key has been excellent teachers and being able to retain them. Government schools provide housing to attract teachers and it was always a desire to get housing for our own teachers.

The first duplex has recently been completed and is now occupied in the new 'Teachers Village.' We have two very grateful families. The site plan and housing designs were done by Journeyman International, a nonprofit who has a stable set of volunteer architects, several of whom were able to travel

to MCV and interview the directors, staff and teachers to develop the plan. As is the tradition in Malawi the cement blocks are made on site. The building is done by staff from the Vocational School. Our goal is 10 duplexes.



A teacher's family in front of their new home with thank you signs.

UPDATE ON THE MARCH FLOODING

By Tom/Ruth Nighswander



Horizontal rain melted the sun dried mud brick walls. Even well-built houses on sandy soil had lost their foundation.

A big THANK YOU....

- **\$25,000** raised in relief funds
- **47** houses have been completely rebuilt
- **12** house have been repaired

The work is ongoing!

The devastating rain, wind, and associated floods in March hit the MCV villages hard; resulting in 135 village homes being destroyed and many others significantly damaged. The floods began when the sky opened and sent downpours of rain for 4 days to the Mangochi area. Normally dry stream beds became raging rivers! Flat lands instantly became lakes.

We appealed for flood relief funds and you responded!

Initial resources were immediately used to replace household items like cooking pots and pans, utensils and blankets. Then the building program began.

Thank you for your ongoing support! To learn more visit malawichildrens village.org.

New Board Member:

We are honored to welcome a new board member with strong cultural & family ties to Malawi. Wezzie Munthali grew up in Malawi. After obtaining a degree from the Kamuzu College of Nursing at University of Malawi, she

came to the USA to study computer science. At Southwestern Michigan College she received an associate degree and in 2010 a Bachelor in Nursing from Goshen College. Presently she is the clinical nurse supervisor in the medicare clinic at Regional Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska & working toward a Nurse Practitioner degree. Along the way she married Koenraad Adams, another Malawian, and they have 2 boys: Eugene & James.

She has a passion for educating Malawian girls: *"Every Malawian child deserves the opportunity for health ad education. Every Malawian girl deserves encouragement and empowerment that one day she will be a somebody."*



Wezzie Munthali



New Primary School:

A brand New Primary school funded by Denali Montessori Elementary School in Anchorage, AK.

VILLAGE PROFILE: THE FISHING VILLAGE OF BOLERA

By Mary Pomeroy

MCV's mission is to support orphans and vulnerable children in 39 villages in southwest Malawi. This is a profile of one of those villages, Bolera.

As the sun rises on the village of Bolera, the men and boys are already on the lake fishing. This village depends on fishing for its economy, however the fish in the lake have drastically declined from overfishing during the last 10-15 years. Without fish for their daily nutrition, the people of Bolera are turning to subsistence farming and increasing the size of their maize fields. There are often stands selling tomatoes along the road. This past year was troublesome as the unusually hot weather dried up the maize and the floods that occurred wiped out most of what maize was produced. It was a year of hunger for many.

The village has a population of about 1,600 and 348 households. There are 58 homes providing care for 91 orphans supported by MCV. Seven students are supported at Gracious. Those not attending secondary school

are staying at home to help their families with daily chores of fishing, farming, and gathering their food and water. There is a bore hole used for getting clean water. The lake is used for washing. The two MCV village volunteer coordinators provide support for families taking care of orphans and are kept busy in this larger village.

There are several tourist lodges along the lake that provide job security for the people of Bolera. Small local stores provide basic needs of soap, rice, salt, tea and sugar. There is a mill that grinds the maize into flour, which provides the basic ingredient for nsima, their staple daily food. It is a bustling village with a mixture of Muslim and Christian churches. The children are often seen playing with their "galimoto's" (toys) that they



Fishing boats being prepared.

have made from wires, bottle caps or wood that they have collected. The children are creative and imaginative with their play.

We are doing everything we can at MCV to give village orphans an education and a home with family support. We expend between \$1500 and \$2500 annually to support each of the 39 villages of varying sizes.

Donations of any size are welcome and go to the direct support of villages such as Bolera.

SUCCESS OF GIRLS AT GRACIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

By Felix Chirombo, MCV Manager



Members of the WE club at Gracious listen to Ruth Nighswander, a MCV Board Member, discuss the PAD project.

Gracious is MCV's secondary school. A special focus in recent years has been to increase girl's graduation rates. WE (Women's Empowerment) Club has been a main reason for this success. The WE Club has increased girl's success by creating competitions amongst girls in the academic circles, as well as encouragement with several role models. Girls are starting to gain the confidence to put school before families and marriage. The school has seen drastic changes in girls' performance, both at school and at the national level. Most girls are now performing in the top 10% and many are selected to go to the public universities!

Another success of the WE Club is the PADS project, where sanitary pads are provided to women and girls. Usually women and girls go without sanitary supplies and are restricted from work and school. PADS allow girls to not miss any education or other activities.

To learn more go to our website: malawichildrensivillage.org

MCV'S SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

By Mary Pomeroy

A young boy taking first steps with an assistive device.



There are almost 200 children with special needs, which is 6% of the 3,000+ orphans within the MCV catchment area. They are included within the OVC (Other Vulnerable Children) population, which is the heart of the MCV Mission. In its 11th year of operation, the Special Needs Program is now self-sustainable within the operation of MCV. It is overseen by Vincent Sisya, Assistant Director of MCV and run by Catherine Shaban, one of the Outreach Coordinators.



Mary Pomeroy and Catherine doing village based care with a young man who has a left leg prosthesis.

Updates:

Catherine organizes the Cerebral Palsy (CP) Clinic, about 35 children seen each week. There are now 4 “physio’s” (PT’s) from Mangochi Hospital that rotate to the weekly CP Clinic. The Physiotherapy (Physical Therapy) Program at the Malawi School of Medicine in Blantyre respects the CP Clinic at MCV, such that they now send their Physio students for one of their monthly medical rotations to our clinic.

Catherine follows up on equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, adapted wooden chairs and standers) being made by the Carpentry Department at MCV’s Vocational Program. Catherine travels to homes for village-based care of children who are unable to travel with their families to get the help they need at the CP clinics at MCV or Mangochi Hospital. This Village-based rehabilitation care provides families with ideas and home suggestions for the care of their child. The volunteers in each of the 39 villages are playing an increased role in monitoring the care of these children.

These children are now going to school to get educated like their peers. If needed, ramps are made for schools to allow for wheelchair accessibility. Adapted equipment is provided in the classrooms to allow for appropriate learning experiences. There is always ongoing training to the MCV volunteers and Malawi physio’s.

Designated donations to the Special Needs program ensure that these children are provided the care and education that they need.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Ruth Nighswander

Once again, we wholeheartedly thank our donors! You have come forward to help sustain a successful year for MCV serving 39 villages. Children who otherwise could not, are able to go to school, have food, housing, & health care.

To align with our annual newsletter, we have changed our fiscal year end from December to June. Note that activity from July to September was also included in last year's report.

Financial Report

July 2018-June 2019

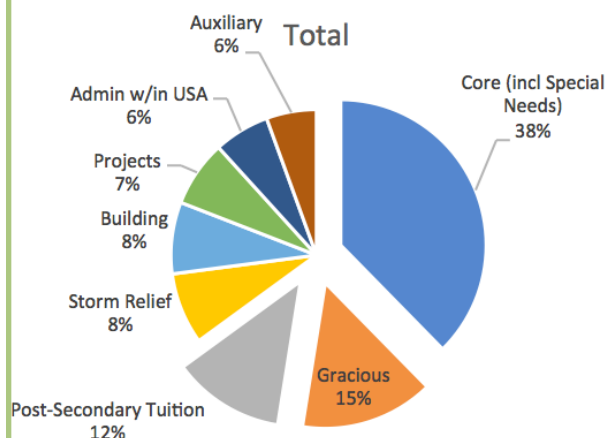
Receipts

—Foundation Grants:	\$61,789
—Direct Public Support:	\$208,625
Total Receipts:	\$270,414

Disbursements

—Admin in US	\$15,530
—Grants	\$62,003
—Designated Funds	\$115,586
—Orphan School Tuition	\$31,222
—Post-Secondary Tuition	\$29,882
Total Disbursements:	\$254,223

Funds Pending Disbursement:\$16,191



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MCV Foundation board members pay all of their own expenses.

STUDENT PROFILE:
Success Story of Nathan Munthali

Born in 1996, Nathan's unfortunate circumstances led him to be registered with MCV's orphans and vulnerable children. He excelled in primary and secondary school, did well on his National exam, and years later, graduated at the top of his class in

irrigation technology from one of Malawi's top universities. His education is made possible by the financial and social support of MCV. Read more about his story here:
<http://malawichildrensivillage.org/blog/>



Nathan Munthali

Donors and Friends:

Thanks to generous donations, this year alone we were able to support:

- 3399 orphans
- 1587 households that cared for orphans
- 191 special needs children and their families
- 1148 students with school scholarships
- 59 houses rebuilt/repared after the flooding

MCV's success has been thanks to donors like you. You sustain the projects at MCV. Please donate today and help us continue to serve the orphans of Mangochi.

Thank you. Zikomo

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Malawi Children's Village provides a continuum of services for the immediate needs and the future opportunities of orphans and other vulnerable children, their families, and villages of Mangochi, MW, focusing on current and emerging concerns including but not limited to: HIV/AIDS and malaria care and prevention, food security and educational attainment.

YES! I want to make a real difference in the life of an orphaned child.

Enclosed please find my gift of:

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What does your investment in MCV really mean?

Here are a few examples of what can be accomplished with your support...

- \$18 can buy a blanket to keep as many as three children warm
- \$32 can pay for enough maize to feed a family for an entire month
- \$100 can purchase anti-malarial medicine for 100 orphans
- \$255 can send an orphan to secondary school for a year
- \$300 can pay for a new roof for a family housing one or more orphans
- \$800 can build a home for a family caring for orphans

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THE MISSION OF MALAWI CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

MCV is a village-based orphan care project that provides health, social, and educational resources in 39 villages along the southwest shore of Lake Malawi.

Supportive Services

- MCV contracts with Koche Hill Clinic to provide free healthcare to orphans and their caregivers
- Irrigation projects help provide food security in the villages
- The MCV Malaria Prevention Project distributes insecticide treated bed-nets to households with young children
- The MCV Fieldwork team visits villages regularly to monitor orphans and provide assistance to their caregivers
- Two village volunteers in each village keep MCV aware of orphans' needs and encourage caretakers to take proper care of orphans

Educational Services

- MCV's Gracious Secondary School educates paying students and sponsored orphans in grades 9 - 12
- The MCV Vocational School trains paying students and sponsored orphans in trades such as brick laying, carpentry, mechanics, and sewing
- MCV's School-to-School program supports government run primary schools
- Open Arms Mangochi cares for sick or malnourished infants
- Together! ACT Now uses theater to spread the message about HIV/AIDS

Partner Organization Services