



# Lifeline Malawi

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## LEAVING A LEGACY Of Love, Laughter and Life



Salome's New Home

### Of Love.....

Our community housing project commenced in August 2006 thanks to funds provided from a team from South Calgary Community Church, Calgary. This first 40 square meter 2 bedroom house is now the home of Salome Kapunda, one of our Patient Attendants and Housekeeping staff. Salome's salary of \$60 CDN per month is provided by the National Aids commission (Global Fund).



South Calgary Community Church team starts project



Reuben & Griffins outside their nearly complete homes

As a result of a legacy provided from a Calgary family estate and despite the rising cost of construction, additional homes continued to be constructed. When you look at the smiles of the two new tenants, Reuben Limbikani and Griffins Kawonga, both of whom are Health Surveillance Assistants in our HIV/AIDS intervention programs, one can appreciate how much they will appreciate their "new digs".



Typical Rural Home



Mike Kapwata with three sisters

Teams sent from First Assembly, Calgary in 2006 and 2007 provided funding and additional labour to construct another 2 homes. Very soon, Mike Kapwata, (Site Administrator) and Andrew Blazio (Cook) will be moving into their new residences with their extended families. Both of these individuals have proven to be very instrumental in ensuring the success of our Mission teams. Andrew is our Mission House Cook...and we all know what would happen if teams did not get at least one traditional Malawian meal of goat meat and maize!



Members of First Assembly team conducting "quality control"



Neilson shows off his "Khondi" (front porch)

Our sixth house, sponsored through a short term missions team from Rockpointe Church, Calgary has become the home of Neilson Chinchembere, another Health Surveillance Assistant. Many mission team participants have had the privilege of seeing Neilson in action as he leads the Behaviour Change outreaches in the nearby villages. Neilson and his team of community volunteers share the "Life change" message that comes from being tested and treated for HIV / AIDS.



Neilson says "No Koppie" (No sex before marriage)



Ngodzi children waving farewell to Canadian visitors

### Of Laughter.....

Thanks to the support from North American children enjoying a little music, children in Malawi are benefiting from the designated funding which was obtained for our leadership development and self sustainment initiative. In August, our Toronto based members of the Lifeline's Fund Development Committee hosted a "God Rocks Concert" at Stone Church. Then, in November the boys from Eagle Scout Troop 8 which is sponsored by St. Cassians Parrish in Montclair, New Jersey hosted a "Metal for Malawi" Concert. A special thanks goes out to all who helped organize these events and provided a forum to communicate our message of bringing hope and healing to the people of Malawi.



Proposed site of the Ngodzi Maternity ward

### Of Life.....

Thanks for the support from our 5th Annual Dessert Reception and Silent Auction held in November, \$36,000 was raised to ensure the continued provision of Primary Health Care at our Ngodzi clinic. In addition, due to the persistent efforts of our Auctioneer, Jason Philp and Master of Ceremonies, Rick Castiglione, another \$14,000 of designated funds were received to assist in the construction of our Maternity Ward. These funds will complement the pledge received from a Calgary family.



Leaving a Legacy

### To Leave a Legacy Submitted by Gord Hunte B.Ed., CFP, EPC

When asked, most people would like to be remembered for something when they leave this world. We talk about leaving a legacy, a gift of some sort that will make a lasting impact. A legacy that will make a difference and change lives, yet most Canadians do not act on this desire because they do not know how or they perceive that leaving a legacy is only for the rich and famous.

The most important legacy you can leave is the time you invested in the life of another person. But there are other ways of making a difference in the lives of many. How about leaving a legacy that could change lives for many years to come? For as little as \$25,000 you can set up a charitable gifting fund that will provide income every year for your favourite life changing charity. Imagine being able to feed three children every day for the rest of their lives or providing medication to mothers with AIDS so that their babies will not contract the disease. You could save lives for many decades to come, all because you decided to leave a legacy. Talk to your financial planner about leaving a legacy, it's easier than you think.



Future of Malawi

By the way, you do not have to wait till you die to set up a charitable gifting fund. You get a tax receipt for every dollar you put into the fund and you get to choose where your money goes. Remember, if you're giving while you're living, you're knowing where it's going.

Lifeline Malawi is in the process of establishing a "Legacy Fund" (foundation). If you would like to know more about how you can "Leave a Legacy to Lifeline", please contact Barbara Mikus at (403) 214-7780 or e-mail at [barbaramikus@Lifelinemalawi.com](mailto:barbaramikus@Lifelinemalawi.com).

