



MALAWI ASSOCIATION for CHRISTIAN SUPPORT

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Annual Report April 1st 2012 – March 31st 2013

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MALAWIAN REPRESENTATIVE: Grafiud Tione

WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Peter Woodhouse.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE:

2012-2013 has been a busy year for MACS. The political situation in Malawi was more stable than in 2011-12 and fuel was, on the whole, more accessible. This meant our representative, Grafiud Tione, was able to monitor projects regularly and effectively. Our project officer made an annual inspection trip in late September of 2012. Of the 38 applications received during this year, 19 were approved and 6 were completed within the year. A further 18 projects approved in previous years were also finished. In addition, at the end of the year, 20 projects were still on-going.

Supporters have been updated on MACS work through the mailing of a newsletter twice a year. This has been produced by Jane Arden and prepared for the printers by Kristina Bartlette. Supporters can also follow developments and news via our website, Facebook and Twitter. Kristina helped produce the newsletter, gift lists and information leaflet over a number of years. Trustees expressed their gratitude to her when she stepped down from doing this towards the end of 2012.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES has met seven times during the year. Dr Susannah Woodd joined us in December 2012 and is working with our Projects officer but focussing on Medical projects. Annie Barton Hodges, Richard Davies and Anthea Griggs have formed a Fund-raising sub-committee with responsibility for grant applications, the Gift List and other fund-raising activities.

PROJECTS

A total of £72,337 has been allocated to projects during the year. The exchange rate and inflation remained fairly stable during the year although subsequently there was a substantial devaluation of the Kwacha resulting in a large increase in the cost of imported materials. All project proposals placed before Trustees are carefully considered. Once again we have undertaken a wide variety of projects.

Parish and Diocesan Support: £15,060

Trustees have been able to support building and renovation work of churches as well as enabling some worthwhile training courses. Examples of such work are:

- A church roof at St Luke's, Nakapa village in Mangochi East.
- The plastering flooring and pointing of St Michael's, Nembere, in Magomero parish
- part-funding for ten Anglican students on the Chilema Women's Vocational course;
- Because of spiralling costs in Malawi, some projects previously approved, run out of funds before completion. Grafiud Tione advises on whether funds have been well spent and recommends additional grants to enable completion. The roof at St Luke's church in Liwaladzi is one such example.

Health: £16,629

Trustees have been able to help with a combination of support for building and upgrading hospital staff housing, training of both hospital staff and people in the wider community as well as providing specific items requested.

- A considerable amount of work is going on at St Martin's Hospital, Mangochi, with the installation of electric meters in 25 staff houses.

- The repair of solar lighting at Lulanga Health Centre and staff house.
- A most successful orthopaedic programme in Mangochi district in conjunction with CBM and Dr Steve Mannion was carried out in December with a follow up due in June 2013
- The Sponsor a Bed scheme has raised £1031 with the money split between St Martin's and St Luke's Hospitals.
- Help has been given to medical staff with training.

Education £24,596

- Teachers' housing continues to be a priority, either the construction of new housing or renovation of existing houses. This year we completed a Headteacher's house at Malindi with a new toilet and soakaway and approved the renovation of a servants quarters into a three bedroomed teacher's house, also in Malindi.
- Having successfully completed a classroom block at Chombo in November 2012 we approved the building of a similar block for Mkanda Primary in Likhubula Parish in January.
- Work has gone on all year preparing plans for two new hostels at Nkope Blind school. Fundraising continues for the boys' hostel but building of the girls' hostel commenced in May 2013.
- Bursary schemes for young people at both St Michael's and Malosa Secondary School continue to be well monitored with reports coming from the schools on a termly basis. The Archbishop Donald Arden Bursary for the education of children of priests continues with additional students each year. Fees have risen again during the past year.

Community and Training £8,522

- Msalawatha village in Neno district has benefitted from a new bridge allowing access for a drill to install a much-needed borehole.
- Following a successful Mothers' Union training workshop in making fuel efficient stoves, we paid for the purchase of paddle moulds to help with the stove production.

Miscellaneous £7,530

- Funds are still regularly channelled to Mkatwa Moyo.
- Money was given to MACOBO for tyres and tubes for the volunteers' bicycles.

FUNDRAISING: Funds are raised by individuals and by various groups such as schools and congregations. Following talks by trustees, many groups undertake to support specific projects. Trustees have formed a Fund-raising sub-committee to look at ways of improving our fundraising. Some ways in which fundraising has been on-going are through the following initiatives:

- **Gift List:** MACS once again produced its annual Gift List of alternative presents. This raised a total of £8974.

- **Grant applications to relevant charities:** MACS has put project proposals and grant applications to various charities to find additional funding for such projects as the Nkope Water project.
- **Facebook and Twitter:** regular updates to these accounts keep our members informed of current issues and successes.
- **Website:** we continue to be grateful to Sally Huband and Peter Woodhouse for their work in maintaining our website.
- **Individuals and churches:** we are grateful to individuals who not only raise the profile of MACS but also raise funds through such activities as cycling, running and singing and giving talks. The Mareway Group of churches continues to support the building of Magomero Church; St Luke's, Watford, will finance the building of a new maternity unit at Nkasala; Iford churches will support work at Chilema. .

We remain indebted to all MACS supporters, be they individuals, churches, schools or other groups for their interest and for their financial and prayerful support. Together with the people of Malawi we are working towards a better future.