

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE:**

2013-2014 has been another busy and successful year for MACS. Our Malawi representative, Grafiud Tione, has travelled thousands of kilometres supervising and helping with the projects undertaken. His reports to trustees have continued to keep us informed, up to date and confident that funds approved are well spent. During the year trustees have approved grants totalling £254,985 for 24 new projects; 27 projects have been completed and 21 are still in progress and being monitored by our representative and our indefatigable project officer, Eileen Eggington, helped by Susannah Woodd on medical projects and Jane Arden and Sally Huband on checking building regulations and details. In particular the building of the girls' hostel at Nkope, after some years of careful planning, has been successfully completed and a boys' hostel will soon be built there as well. The Maternal Waiting Home at Lulanga has been another highlight both in terms of successful fund-raising and MACS taking a more hands-on approach in the procurement and transport of materials as well as the supervision of the construction work. In addition we have an on-going list of approximately 15 smaller projects such as the distribution of Gift List items.

We have kept our supporters informed of major projects and progress through our two newsletters, prepared by Annie Barton-Hodges. These went out in July 2013 and January 2014. Our website, Facebook and Twitter posts have updated supporters on a more regular basis and a good number of our supporters now receive communications from us electronically, thus reducing our postage costs. Our annual Gift List continues to help us provide useful smaller items.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** has met seven times during the year. There have been no changes to the Trustees during the year.

### **Parish and Diocesan Support: £15,210**

We have continued to respond to requests for help with completing church buildings, provided a self-help component is involved. Requests for part-funding for training are also considered favourably. Examples of such work are:

- Completion of St Joseph's church building at Kamphoyo.
- Replacement of roof blown off in a storm at St Matthew's and St Luke's church, Kholombidzo.
- Funding training in project proposal writing and in community empowerment for the new Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Education Officer in DLM.

### **Health: £79,049**

MACS has been able to support building, training and supplying specific items:

- Nurses' fob watches and blood-pressure monitors
- Bicycle ambulances
- A further two orthopaedic programmes in partnership with CBM (an international disability charity with a Christian ethos) in Mangochi have taken place.
- Lulanga now has a Maternal Waiting Home, moving it closer to getting Government approval for Maternity funding.
- The renovation and extension of nurses' hostels at St Luke's.

- Training of maintenance staff at St Luke's, St Martin's and 5 health centres.

### **Education £149,708**

- 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. In 2014 the pupils of Bishop Ramsey School have undertaken to fund an additional 4 students per year and this new fund will commence in September 2014. Tony Cox is the link for all bursary matters.
- Funds have been released for building 3 new double classroom blocks at Mpinganjira, Chimera and Mitengwe all DUS). Each block costs approximately £7000.
- It was also agreed that new classrooms should be furnished with a teacher's desk and a helpful teacher's starter pack. These latter items will be funded from our Gift List.
- The building of a girls' hostel at Nkope and the approval for a similar boys' hostel to be built for blind and partially sighted pupils. Each hostel costs approximately £46,000 to build and equip.
- Other useful items from the Gift List include dictionaries (£500's worth) and text books (£2,500's worth) which Grafiud purchases as they are available and distributes appropriately.

### **Community £5,406**

- Training of volunteer teachers for community nurseries at St Luke's Hospital.
- Training in Homecraft skills for 30 people in Msalawatha village, Neno district.
- Support with training women at Chilema on the women's programme.

### **Miscellaneous £3,550**

- for Mkate Wa Moyo.

**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 £9401.97.
- **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 are extremely grateful to Sally Huband and Peter Woodhouse for their work on our website. In 2014 Sally and Peter have indicated they would like to hand over this task to someone else and plans are afoot for taking over the running of the 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 near Cambridge continues to support the building of Magomero Church; St Luke's, Watford and St Lawrence, Abbots Langley have raised funds to finance the building of a new maternity unit at Nkasala; Iford churches near Lewes continue to 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.