

Seibo Activity Report: April 2016

In 4 months of school feeding in Malawi your support has reached out to 28 nurseries – putting smiles on 1,132 nursery children and resulted in deliveries of 2,360 kg of food in May alone. And we haven't even included the Primary School children in the north of Malawi in that!

The month of May has seen more and more sponsored children, sponsored by you, being able to attend school for the first time. Let that sink in. Not only has their education begun but these children are now receiving a hot, nutritious meal for the first time too.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”- Nelson Mandela

A big cheer from all the kids in Malawi- thank you.



Image: Mother Teresa Childrens Centre, Chilomoni, Malawi.

Nursery Group 4:

In previous activity reports we introduced the “new” nurseries where school feeding has begun. On May 19th another 6 nurseries, an additional 265 children, received the benefits of a hot meal at school.

Each nursery listed now has their own cooking area complete with 50 litre rocket stove and between them another 265 spoons and plates. The 6 additional nurseries also in May received a combined total of 600 kgs of food (phala) and includes: Gamajju Nursery, Agape Nursery, Tiyanjane Community Based Children's Centre, Tikondane CBCC & Chisomo CBCC

Set-Up Construction Costs Associated with New School Feeding

In May fuel for cooking to the value of MK 70,000 was provided to local nurseries. The 6 new nurseries added this month received 1,000 sticks for burning of which Tiyanjane with over 90 kids received the lion's share- 200 sticks!



To date your donations have contributed to the building of 28 safety walls to ensure the cooking pots are both safe and stable. Construction costs associated with the building of these walls comes to **741,496 Malawian Kwacha**- just over 1,000 dollars which includes;

28 bags of Cement: Cement is considered expensive in Malawi with a 50kg bag retailing for approximately MK 6,300 – almost 9 dollars a bag - at May's exchange rate. Since February to May our cement costs come to **MK 176,400**

Sand: Delivered to each nursery by wheelbarrow, and charged by wheelbarrow, each nursery received approximately 4 wheelbarrows of sand for use in the building of the safety walls costing a total of **MK 56,000** for the 28 nurseries to date.



Eco-Blocks: Building the safety walls using wind-dried bricks was a priority. Each nursery's safety wall required 78 bricks each. At the retail price of MK 150 per brick *USD- 20 cents- this comes to a current total of **MK 327,600**.

The Seibo Kids: Spotlight!

Meet Brian!

Brian Braman (4) attends Sulema Nursery School.

Thanks to data collected by our Malawian partners at the Mother Teresa Children's Centre in November 2011 we can happily report that little Brian is no longer little and when measured in April had grown in height by 5.6 cms and is now 104.1 cms – compared to 98.5 cms in November 2015.

Of course it's not all one way- in November Brian weighed 15.5 kgs and in April of this year he weighed in at 16.7 kg.

Meet Paul!

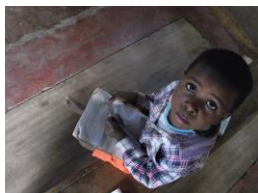
Paul Kilembe (4) attends St. Theresa Nursery School. DOB: 22/09/2011

In one full month our records show Paul increasing in weight by 1 kg!

When measured on the April 20th Paul is recorded as; Weight: 11.8kg/ Height: 97cm

On May 24th the same Paul is recorded as follows; Weight: 12.8kg/ Height: 97.7cm

Meet Precious!



Precious Kafulama (5) attends Ebeneeza Nursery School. DOB- 26/5/11

Thanks to you at age 5 Precious has begun his education with a sponsored nursery place. On the April 20th Precious is recorded as; Weight: 13.7kg/ Height: 98.3cm. On May 24th the same Precious is recorded as follows; Weight: 14.1kg/ Height: 98.5cm

Meet Sarah!



Sarah Misomali (5) attends Ebeneeza Nursery School- thanks to your donations!

When measured on the 20th of April Sarah is recorded as; Weight: 14.4kg/ Height: 102.5cm

On May 24th Sarah is recorded as follows: Weight: 14.4kg/ Height: 97.7cm

We look forward to sharing progress and stories of children whose lives you are transforming one hot meal at a time.

The Seibo Kids: Follow-Up Report

Mphatso Botomani



Last month we introduced Mphatso Botomani of Asira Nursery School. Seibo caught up with Mphatso's mother to chat about life in general.

Mphatso was born 20/10/2011 to Alice and James Botomani and has a younger sister Natasha (14 months old). James earns the family income doing odd jobs and until your intervention was unable to send Mphatso to school. Both parents are thrilled their son is at school now and said, ““He even goes back to school after the teacher has sent him home. He wakes up waiting to get there”. The caregivers at Asira nursery also report fantastic things too – “He is the first in school every time. He follows instructions so well and always loves playing”.

Thank you from Seibo and from the Botomanis!

Grace Lemani



Grace attends Asira Nursery School on the Seibo Sponsored programme. Born on Christmas day 2011, Grace is the only child of Ms. Shirah Mbewe. Grace's mom is still in school and this year will finish her secondary schooling. To earn a living she sells home-made beer.

Thanks to you Grace now attends school for the first time in her life. Her nursery teachers report that she is not very active yet and sometimes cries in class, "but she plays with her friends without problems and we think she will get used to being in school soon."

Kazomba Primary School- Northern Malawi



"There is a saying in Malawi that when a wife loses a husband a new husband replaces him. In this way Seibo is taking over from JOCA and we appreciate this very much"

Mzimba District School Health and Nutrition Coordinator, Mr Kayoyo. As reported in last month's Activity Report On the 27th April, a ceremony took place at Kazomba Primary School in north Malawi and a school feeding project was handed over to Seibo in Malawi.

Seibo will continue the feeding programme in a capacity which mirrors JOCA's work – monitoring and involving community on a large scale – but will eventually replace the brown rice flour with the corn soya blend, Likuni Phala. Phala will be more cost effective – as sugar & salt are already included - and of better nutritional value.

"JOCA, and now Seibo, is providing a model that we must emulate throughout Malawi. School feeding only happens in 40% of schools presently - this needs to increase."

Mrs Virginia Kachigunda , Malawi Ministry of Education



Kazomba Primary School- Key Persons Profile

Mr. Botha- Headmaster

Heavily involved in the school feeding programme from its introduction 3 years ago. Currently filling in as the data monitor until a dedicated Seibo staff member will be appointed from June 1st.

Mr. Msuku- Outgoing School Feeding Monitor

JOCA's outgoing Monitor has been assisting Seibo in the recruitment and training of his replacement.

A BIG THUMBS UP TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS- Thank You!

