

OCTOBER Report 2021.

Average number of children fed (in hundreds):

801

Average number of feeding days per week:

6 days a week. Feeding is going on very well.

Number of high school students:

73

Number of boarding school students:

8. Six in high school and TWO in college.

Status of National High School attendees:

Students are back in school.

The success of high school students

We are very excited that Blessings Tsonthi is now registered and his course materials, such as uniform, and other training equipment has been purchased. All the registration and payments were finalized in the month of September as required by the school. He has been allocated the month of January to start the actual classes. We will keep updating you on the progress until he settles down at his new school.

Precious is back in school for a new academic year. He is doing very well in school. He passed in all his subject last school year.

Status of soap business:

More materials have been ordered from Tanzania and when they arrive we will share with the group that got the training in order for them to start their own businesses of soap making. Right now they still work as a group and for the ministry. We have been sharing the kids and the volunteers, the soap they have been making and some is being used in the DFG kits.

Status of chicken/egg business:

The status remains the same. We have started the work, we will be sharing the progress.

Status of Kanyenyeva Wala:

Kanyenyeva Wala continues to impress and shine. All enterprises in Malawi received refresher trainers (Melani Wilson-Program Manager, Diana Nelson-Global Advocacy Director) who brought all the members at one place in Lilongwe for evaluation and training. Kanyenyeva Wala

members were commended highly for their precision, skill, and their ability to pay attention to details. They emerged number 1 in all categories. We were glad to be given such feedback, that our members are highly skilled and that they are proud to recommend us everywhere.

Testimony

Violet Ben is one of our children who benefitted from our scholarship program. Violet was one of the boarding school girls. She completed her high school, unfortunately did not do so well in her final examinations and did not qualify for University studies. We incorporated Violet in the Kanyenyeva Wala program. She has been learning how to sew, help with assembling DFG kit components, and she also participated in the soap making training. She continues to work hard and we believe these skills will help her make a living and be self-reliant. As one of the Kanyenyeva Wala member she also was given some money for her work.

We thank God for Violet.

Status of the farm:

The banana plants are growing well. We are still working on finding lasting solutions in making sure that the bananas are getting enough water during this dry season since we do not have irrigation system in place. We have identified some treadle pumps to help ease the labor of drawing water from the wells to water the plants.

The banana plants have produced a lot of suckers and we plan to plant more bananas when the rains start from these suckers. This is so wonderful, we do not have to buy more banana seedlings, our bananas are producing very well.

The tractor is still running strong, it is due for service now and it will be done end of this month. Land preparation has started in readiness for the next growing season.

Other:

Sports equipment and gym

We need more balls, toys and other materials that the children can play with at the project. We wait until we have enough funds for this. The current funds cannot be used for this program for now.

The well

We have found several options on the well. On how we can run by solar energy and provide running water for both the Skills Centre and the villages around.

Women volunteers and the committee

The women and the committee still remain strong and continue to serve the children with passion.

Clothes, and shoes

We would love to provide the children with clothes, shoes as well, funds permitting. Most children rely on the clothes that the ministry has been providing to them and it has been some time since we did that.

Blankets

This is one of the area we need to consider. We think we need to have a special fundraiser for this so that we can provide blankets to many of our children at once.