

August -October Progress Report 2023.

Average number of children fed (in hundreds):

900

Average number of feeding days per week:

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

Number of high school students:

77

Number of boarding school students:

8

Our girls have not been doing well with their studies as compared to the boys. We have been constantly sending girls to boarding Secondary Schools, hoping that this will help them focus more on their studies and go to college too. This has not been the case. Brenda Kashati and Thokozire James worked very hard in school but still failed to pass their Form 4 exams. The board recommended that we give them another opportunity to go back to school but go back to Form 3 for a better foundation and also that this time to a different and a much better boarding school. We also agreed that Yami or anyone assigned visit the girls at the school as an encouragement to the girls. We were so glad that Pastor [Tiyanjane Dzilankhulani](#) and her team at [Girls Shine Christian Academy](#) accepted the girls at their beautiful School in Lilongwe. We have visited them twice so far and their head teacher said that they are doing very well with their studies so far. We pray for favourable results in two years time.

Status of High School attendees:

All students are back in school. We had a big number of students who qualified to go start Form 1 that could have made the usual total number of 77 shoot to 88 but we recommended that then other 11 repeat Standard 8 because they only got a pass and did not get selected to attend the government Secondary School.

University students:

Hastings, Precious, Leonard and Blessings started their new academic year very well and are doing well. Dickson and Christopher will start in January as they wait for their accommodation allocation. This is so for all first-year students at their respective schools.

Status of soap business:

The beneficiaries continue to make soap. We also continue to distribute tablets of soap to the children and volunteers. The Westwood Church team bought and distributed soap to all our children starting from standard 5 all the way to University.

Status of chicken/egg business:

The business is going on well. The chickens are growing well and multiplying.

Kanyenyeva Wala:

We are so excited for receiving our renewed Gold Certification after going through a rigorous quality check process!!! The team is still working hard to maintain the high quality of the products made. In July Kanyenyeva Wala had to go through the Gold Standard evaluation of every product we have been making and we again passed each and every kit component submitted. The sewing machines we have are now getting worn out since we have been using most of them for over 3 years now and there is need to replace them. We

have managed to buy some with the funds made from the sales and also some additional funds sent to us. We have also been able to keep our maintenance schedule for our machines which is one of the reasons we still have the old machines operating.

Status of the farm:

Preparation of the farm has started for the next growing season. The irrigation service providers visited the farm, did their assessments and very soon will start building a water tank and drilling the wells. We keep praying for this amazing project to be completed.

This year we have done another Blue Gum tree seedling nursery. We anticipate to plant 3000 more trees during the rain season.

Other:

Sports equipment and gym

We are very grateful for the mission teams that came this year in May and July for the sports supplies they brought to us. We still have enough balls and other sports items.

The well

The Well project is complete, the pump and solar system are put in place. We will soon dig the septic tank and install the plumbing system for the guest toilet in the skills building.

Women volunteers and the committee

The women and the committee still remain strong and continue to serve the children with passion. Our volunteers and committee members received 50kg bag of maize each in August and another 50kg bag in October.

The maize mill

The Maize Mill is completed now. We are so thankful for the donation to build this essential aspect of our community life. The whole village is excited for this special gift. Thank you for making this happen.

Over 30 senior and junior chiefs came to the launch and dedication of the maize mill as Reverend Chikakula led the prayers and the preaching of the word. This is a blessing that will surely spread the love of Christ in the area. The women could not stop dancing and singing songs of joy and praise. We thank God for this timely gift.

Senior Chief Kathumba expressed joy and gratitude on behalf of all the chiefs present. He thanked the ministry for the continued love, and partnership with the community.

We have employed a maize mill operator who is staying in the room attached to the maize mill. This way he is readily available anytime he is needed. We were advised by the company that was installing the mill to employ someone with experience to operate the mill.

Girls Rescue center

There is need to start the work of putting up a fence around our property for security purposes. We have noticed that since there is no one staying on the property, some people were trying to encroach. If funds permit, we need to give this a priority.

Rising prices of commodities

There has been a huge rise in commodity prices. Keep praying for our economy.