

STATUS OF THE ALINAFE GIRLS CENTER DEVELOPMENT

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On April 13, 2026, Andy Jones had a conversation with Kevin & Shelly Ree, and Ron Grue & Sharolyn Pederson outside of Calgary, AB. Ron is a builder from the Edmonton area. He has volunteered to build and remodel many churches and church affiliated buildings, in Canada, South America and South-East Asia. Ron is captured by the vision of the Girl's Center, and desires to make a first building a reality so that the program can begin as soon as possible.

Andy will be in Malawi the first two weeks of June and will visit the center site. It is hoped that the site survey will be completed by that time and the location of the first building will be settled.

Ron & Sharolyn are anticipating a trip to Malawi in the September to October 2026 time-frame to construct a first building. Andy is planning to join them there during that time. The first building will be designed to be adaptable as uses and infrastructure is further developed. The building will have 4 sections: hostel, meeting/dining, administration, kitchen. Eventually, these 4 rooms can all be converted to classrooms, as other hostels and facilities are developed.

Ron is thinking that the footings, walls and roof can be started and hopefully even completed before his arrival to finish the building. This will require that final locations for the building, well, and septic need to be determined during the summer months, preferably in June while Andy is in Malawi.

It is felt that a structure of Malawian support and supervision personnel needs to be in place as soon as possible. It is felt that Shadreck should be the coordinator of funding: receiving and disbursing needed funds with complete accountability and transparency. Sharolynn will develop a spreadsheet to track construction expenses. It will need to be used to track every expense. A local tradesperson or builder should be hired to serve as a 'general contractor' to oversee the build. This person could perhaps continue on in this position as the rest of the center is built.

Feel free to forward this to others you think should be in the conversation.

Blessings and peace!!

Abusa Andy