



# VILLAGES OF HOPE AFRICA



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**Greetings from Malawi!** It is winter here in Malawi right now, but we hope you are all enjoying the summer season in Canada. The evenings and nights here in Lilongwe are surprisingly cool, but during the day it is warm as always.

One of our favourite scriptures is Proverbs 3:5,6:

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths!”*

And that is exactly what we are seeing God do in our lives and at the Village of Hope! We have just completed the first month ‘on our own’ overseeing the Village of Hope. It has been a month of challenge and fulfillment. We accepted two more malnourished orphans into a Village of Hope family, Richard (8) and Pemphero (2). Their Grandfather was so grateful when he saw the homes his grandchildren were being adopted into. He assured us of his prayers as he left to return to his village. We have accepted 7 new children since the beginning of April and we now are providing a Christian home for 50 children!



Richard (8), was very excited to find a ‘football’ when he arrived at VOH.

We also hired more staff this month. We now have Gardener Gilbert who is doing an amazing job caring for gardens that are providing vegetables for the homes. Auntie Margaret joined us and is busy assisting the mothers with preparing food, doing laundry and caring for the children.

We are beginning to see God opening the door for us to start a school at the village. A member of the Ministry of Education came to check out our facility and agrees that it is adequate to start a school. The need for a school at VOH is great. The school our children are currently attending does not seem to be adequately preparing them to pass their government examinations (they are taught in the local language, Chichewa and examined in English!) We have started the paperwork necessary to receive formal approval to start a school at VOH. Please pray that God continues to lead and direct as we trust Him. He is our guide!!

On a personal note, we are feeling more settled in our home. God is putting it all together. We have been able to purchase furniture and small items from people that are leaving Malawi. We are making friends and are part of a great church.

Thank you so much for your emails and facebook messages. We cannot accomplish His purposes without partners in financial and prayer support. YOU are part of our team!



Celebrating David's birthday at Glen & Kerry Haliwell's (other PAOC missionaries) house in Blantyre, Malawi.



This is Dumi with his house mother, Beatrice. Please pray for them both. Dumi has visited the hospital multiple times in the past weeks and spent over half of the last month in the hospital. The hospital here is very crowded (there are usually 3 babies in each crib), and someone must stay with Dumi at all times as nursing care, food etc. are not provided in the same way that they are in Canada.

## Prayer Requests

- To find more Godly women to serve as Mothers to these precious children.
- For health for the children & mothers, especially 7 month old Dumi who has spent half of the past month in the hospital! He is HIV+ and can't seem to fight off anything!
- For God's clear vision for the future of Village of Hope (more homes, the school, a medical clinic)
- For 100% of our budget so that we can continue ministering at VOHM.
- For our daughter Kara & her husband David Eckmier as they lead a team of 20 teenagers on a 4 week long missions trip to Italy.

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