



# VILLAGES OF HOPE AFRICA



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**It has been six months!** We can hardly believe that we have been here in Malawi for six months already! After half a year of ministry at Village of Hope Malawi, all we can do is thank God for giving us the opportunity to share our lives with the children of Village of Hope. Without God, there would be no reason to be here and without our partners we wouldn't be here. Thank you for making it possible for us to be God's hand extended here in Malawi.

Throughout the last month we have seen God at work in some incredible ways! His provision and protection have been miraculous! One example of His mighty protection was on our recent trip to Zambia. We were driving to Lusaka, Zambia for a weeklong conference with the leadership of the seven Villages of Hope located throughout Africa. The conference was an amazing time of fellowship and of learning, but it truly was a miracle that we arrived because two different belts in our truck broke on the eight hour drive from Lilongwe to Lusaka! Somehow the truck kept running and we made it! After we returned to Malawi from the conference it was time for the children to go back to school. The only problem was that the schools here require students to wear a uniform (children cannot attend if they do not have a uniform), and many of our children either did not have a uniform or had outgrown their old one. Although clothing is not too expensive here, the cost adds up when you have over 40 kids heading back to school, and it was simply not a cost that we had accounted for when creating our budget. Once again however, God provided! A big thanks goes to the group of ladies from Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly that put on a dessert night to raise funds and to the children's ministry of Living Waters in Langley, BC which donated the proceeds of their summer VBS.



Some of our younger school aged children showing off their brand new uniforms on their day of school!



Connie & David in their new Malawian outfits



The Village of Hope Africa Team

We recently welcomed two more children to the Village of Hope – Bridget age 4, and her brother, Bernard, age 7. They are double orphans (no mother or father) and were cared for by their grandmother who had no income. Their grandmother accompanied them to their new home and it was heartbreaking to see her say goodbye to the children she loves. We now have 52 children living in 7 homes. We have five more houses built, but we cannot open them until we have the funds to operate them (approximately \$1100/month/home). Shortly after welcoming Bridget and Bernard to VOH we had to turn away two babies... each only three days old because do not have the means to open an eight home. We are working on furnishing our next home, believing that the funds to operate an eight home will come.



Bridget and Bernard



Tattered Tiara's – a group of young women that came and ran a vacation Bible school for the children at VOH

God gave the children a wonderful month off school. We had the awesome privilege of having a short term team, Tattered Tiaras, come and run a VBS for the children. They fell in love with Africa and with the children of VOH-M and were true blessing!

Jewell, Connie's cousin visited for a week in August. It was wonderful to welcome our first visiting family member and even better to put her to work! She was a huge help with her amazing organizational skills! Organization is key when caring for over fifty children...

We covet your prayers and support as we continue to serve the children of Malawi!  
We need the WISDOM of Solomon, the PATIENCE of Job and the LOVE of Christ!

## Prayer Requests

- To find more Godly women to serve as Mothers and Aunties to these precious children.
- Provision of the monthly operating costs of another house.
- For God's clear vision and provision for the future of Village of Hope (more homes, a school, a medical clinic)
- For 100% of our budget so that we can continue ministering at VOHM.
- For our children, Kara & David and Lindy, as the girls finish their last year of university.

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