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PRAYER NEWSLETTER April 2025

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise." Psalm 100.4 (NLT)

2025 is the 20th Anniversary of Malawi Orphan Fund. Join us in offering thanksgiving to God for those who set up the charity to support and fundraise for Home of Hope. One of the founding members of MOF recalls hearing the words of a child speaking at a conference in Africa after the child's parents had died: "My brother and I have no one to tuck us in at night". Her heart-felt response was to pray. She told me that, at the time, the rector of a church in Bedford, Revd Cooper and his wife returned from a sabbatical trip to Africa. During their travels, they had visited Home of Hope and on return recounted the needs they had seen. In response, fundraising was organised and by 'God-incidence' there were people at the church with the passion, gifts and contacts needed, who met together, prayed and set up Malawi Orphan Fund. She writes "It was the Body of Christ in action and the Malawi Orphan Fund began. To God be the Glory. To this day it is still the work of God through the Body of Christ and prayer."

Give thanks and praise to God for

- the vision then and now and for His faithfulness through the years in the challenges and opportunities.
- the provision of faithful and generous supporters, trustees and volunteers.
- the sponsorship scheme, generous donations and the funding for everyday needs and the many projects.
- the establishment of deep bonds with the leadership team and community at HOH.

All our supporters are warmly welcome to join us at our 20th Anniversary Celebration at Christ Church Bedford 7pm-10pm on Saturday May 10th. See for more details see <u>www.tickettailor.com/events/malawiorphanfund/1554528</u>. Pray

- for the planning, the helpers and all the practical arrangements.
- for a joyful evening of celebration, thanksgiving and warm connections between many supporters.
- a renewal of commitment to support Home of Hope through sponsorship, giving, prayer and volunteering.

HOH continues to face huge challenges. The Malawian economy is struggling. With inflation above 23%, food prices change daily and there is shortage of food and fuel. In addition, Malawi, one of countries most affected by climate change, has recently lost aid from the USA. Pray for the government of Malawi, for integrity, wise decision-making and provision for all the people. Linda, Chief Executive at Home of Hope asks us to pray to God

- for genuine love and unity among the children and staff.
- for peace and protection
- for financial support.
- for ever increasing grace and favour on Home of Hope
- for all staff and Agogo, Revd Chipeta, that they would be blessed with health and long life.

Praise God for the enterprises at HOH and successful improvements to buildings, including gutter repairs and the supply of materials after roofs were lifted by a storm earlier this year. We ask God that the installation of an incinerator may be completed to best effect and enable the renewal of HOH's accreditation with the Malawi Poisons Board, so HOH can supply medicines again.

As we look ahead may God

- encourage Dan and Ben as they prepare for the MK Marathon and inspire generous giving to raise funds for the Vocational Training Centre. <u>www.justgiving.com/campaign/building-futures</u>
- supply our sponsorship team with wisdom and resources as they long for their work to move forwards.
- equip us for the way ahead, inspire all of us and many more to grasp the vision and enable the work of MOF to grow and flourish as we partner with HOH to support each child grow from infancy to independence in the name of Jesus.

"Not by power or might but by my Spirit" says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4.6



Prayer underpins all the efforts of Home of Hope to secure education, care and support for the children and the work of Malawi Orphan Fund. Thank you for praying with us.

If you or others would like a copy of this prayer letter, see <u>www.malawiorphanfund.</u>uk or email info@malawiorphanfund.uk

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