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Faithfulness of Our Fathers By Darlene Heller

Traditional gender roles are still very entrenched in Malawi. Take parenting for example. A father's sole responsibility appears to be that of impregnating the mother. After making his obligatory donation to the cause, the man feels free to go.

An orphan in Malawi is a child whose mother has died or who has been abandoned. Having a father does not enter into the picture. All of the babies being cared for at the nursery currently have healthy young fathers. Many of these fathers simply don't care. Many, but not all.

Chisomo's parents moved to the area so his father could work on a tobacco plantation. When the manager discovered that Chisomo's mother was pregnant, his father was fired so the owner wouldn't have to pay any medical bills. Chisomo's mother died shortly after childbirth, and his father was left alone with a tiny 2 lbs. 6 oz. baby. The hospital provided formula but not the special care that Chisomo needed. So his dad stayed right there for more than a month, feeding him every 2



Jerrine & Darlene

hours from a tiny cup and carrying him on his own bare chest to help with temperature regulation and breathing. During that time Chisomo gained almost 3 pounds! A true miracle. We then kept him at the Mzuzu Crisis Nursery for 7 weeks, but

Dad was unable to visit because it was too far to come. Because of this, Chisomo was transferred to the Lilongwe Crisis Nursery last week. He weighs 10 lbs. 6 oz., and is a smiling, happy baby. Dad, also happy, now visits almost every day.

Twins Jerrine and Darlene come from a village about 50 miles north of Mzuzu. Once a month their father visits them, which takes bus money. Last month there was no money for the trip but Dad showed up anyway. He had left at 2:30 a.m. and ridden his bicycle for 5 hours (on dirt roads in rainy season) so he could visit his girls. He then had to pedal all the way back. This is a caring and devoted dad.

Moses and Marmen are also twins. Their father is a pastor in a village along the lakeshore. He arrived at the nursery unannounced one day, babies in tow. It was heartbreaking to send them away, but we **must** work through social welfare to avoid chaos and to avoid being shut down by the government. The next week we were able to take the twins in. Not only

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An Interview with John Mandere

John Mandere recently took over as Executive Director of Ministry of Hope in Malawi. He has a tremendous heart for children and a wonderful vision for the organization. Here is part of a recent interview with him.

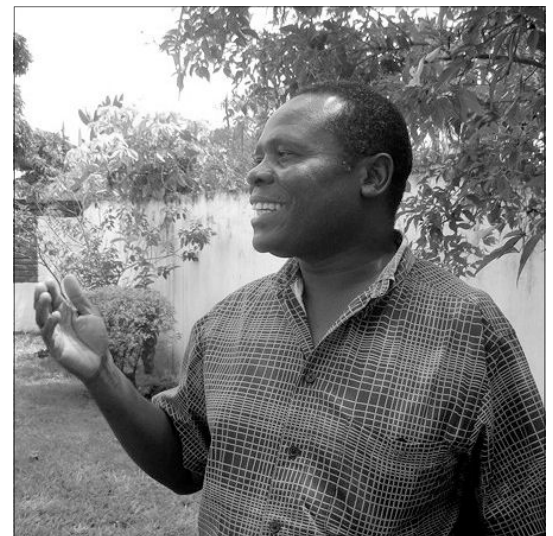
What drew you to Ministry of Hope?

I like working with children and see them as the future for any country. Ministry of Hope focuses on children's wellbeing and this answers the cry of my heart to see children enjoy their lives to the fullest. The Christian nature of the organization, its beliefs, and its vision are in line with what I

believe. The purpose of man's existence is to serve God and MoH has given me the opportunity to serve Him while doing work which is difficult to do in secular organizations.

What gives you the most satisfaction?

What has lifted my spirit is the fact that I have seen people who did not believe in themselves, who were inward looking and could not see that they had a future, reach a point where they began to value who they are and then start doing things by themselves without waiting for external assistance.



John Mandere

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Ministry of Hope Needs Your Help

By Janet Wells

We are truly grateful for the generosity of all our donors. Thank you for helping us provide vital programs and services to the orphans and vulnerable children of Malawi. Although the past year was difficult in that many painful cutbacks were required, your gifts made a huge difference for the children served.

Your commitment is all the more appreciated. If by chance you did not have the opportunity to give in 2010, we urge you to consider a gift now. With the hungry season upon us, as Malawians wait for the upcoming harvest, your gifts provide vital physical and spiritual nourishment during these difficult months. Your gift can immediately begin to ease the burdens of hungry children, babies who have lost their mothers, and students desperately hoping for an education as a means out of poverty.

It's easy to give. Use the attached remittance envelope or donate online at www.ministryofhope.org. Becoming a regular monthly, quarterly, or annual giver is even more helpful to MoH

as we plan for the coming year. Become a Team Hope sustainer (regular giver) by going to our website, clicking on Donate Now, and selecting the recurring donation option. We need your support. Our most urgent areas of need include:

Feeding program

\$100 can provide a nutritious meal for 400 children

Scholarships

\$350 pays tuition and related costs for a full year

Mobile Medical Clinic

\$400 allows us to serve 200 people in remote villages

Infant care

\$100 provides care and supplies for babies

We look with hope toward an economic recovery that will allow us to do more life-giving, life-changing work. Please keep Ministry of Hope in your prayers.

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Description	FYE 12/31/10	FYE 12/31/09
	Unaudited	Audited
Total Revenues	\$525,612.53	\$670,677.65
Total Expenses	518,572.93	645,673.85
Adjustments for Temporarily Restricted Gifts	(20,079.56)	(828.23)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(13,039.96)	24,175.57
Total Net Assets Beginning	278,271.32	244,280.49
Total Net Assets Ending	283,624.31	278,271.32

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Mission Statement

Ministry of Hope seeks to glorify God by reaching out to the orphans, widows, and the destitute with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, providing hope as we minister to their basic needs.

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There are two Boards that direct the activities of Ministry of Hope. A Malawian Board directs operations in Malawi, and a U.S. Board promotes and supports the ministry within the United States.

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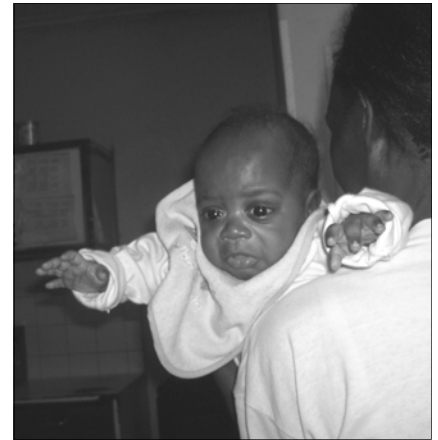
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has their father been a regular visitor, he has presented the Nursery with two of his paintings picturing the plight of women at the hands of useless men who could care less. This man is a gem.

Traditional gender roles in Malawi are changing. Drive around Mzuzu today and you will occasionally see fathers carrying babies, fathers walking with their children - fathers sharing the joys and burdens of parenthood. Their faithfulness is a sign of hope to us. One day, here in Malawi, a motherless child may not automatically be labeled an orphan.



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What is the importance of a Christ-centered ministry?

I believe that development which is sustainable starts with spiritual transformation; without it all the gains made in the lives of people are wiped out and people have no hope. In working with the poor, we must follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and show compassion for the people being served. Christian organizations also act as strong partners for churches and encourage them to be involved in issues that communities are faced with. These groups have also functioned as a source for funding for purely Christian activities which governments and secular donors do not support.



Lending a helping hand in 2010

How do you plan to use volunteers?

We would love to have individuals in specialist areas such as nutrition, education, healthcare, and leadership to train community members and church leaders. Another idea would be in the area of cultural exchange where students from abroad could come to Malawi, participate in community work, and spend at least one week in the community with fellow youth. We would love to have volunteers who could come and work with Ministry of Hope for one month or up to a year for longer term projects involving bio-intensive farming, fundraising, child protection, nutrition, early childhood education, HIV and AIDs, just to mention a few.

How can those in the US best help Ministry of Hope?

There are several valuable roles that our foreign supporters play. First, is the provision of resources that makes the work of MoH happen. While the spirit of giving is a part of Malawi's society, foreigners have brought another perspective to communities we work with, which is to emphasize that giving is associated with love, even for a person whom you have never seen. People in the communities we serve ask: "If people who have never seen us are able to give for the good cause of our society, what should prevent us from sharing more with those who are with us?"