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The Seed Once Planted By Rex Hoffman

Peter Amos is a former Ministry of Hope scholarship student who went on to receive a master's degree and start a health care business in Malawi. Recently Peter shared the following as he recounted what God has done in his life: "I want to express my deepest gratitude to God and to Ministry of Hope. Your support not only gave me an education, but it also gave me a vision, a purpose, and the means to transform lives. Every step I take, every hospital I serve, and every young person I support is a reflection of the seed that you once planted in me."

As a boy growing up near the village of Khwamba, Peter Amos believed he would never be able to afford the fees for secondary school. However, through MoH Peter not only graduated from secondary school but went on to earn a degree in Biomedical Engineering with honors from the Malawi University of Science and Technology. He continued his education in Scotland, receiving a Master's of Science and Medical Imaging from the University of Aberdeen. He then ventured into entrepreneurship and founded Elite Biomedical Engineering LTD in Malawi. The company supplies, installs, and maintains medical devices, providing service and training in hospitals across Malawi. His vision was "simple and yet bold: to help hospitals use healthcare technologies more effectively, saving lives, and improving the quality of care." Peter's long term vision is to design and build sustainable community hospitals, ensuring that even those in rural and disadvantaged areas have access to quality healthcare and education.



Peter (second from right) visiting a hospital

Peter desires to give back to those in his community. He currently supports five needy children with secondary school and college scholarships. He also supports two employees with their college education, creating internships, and job opportunities for them. His goal is to support at least 150 students by 2030, giving them the same chance that was once given to him.

Please consider a gift to the MoH's scholarship program. As we see in Peter's life the seed that you plant today in a student's life may increase a hundred fold as God multiplies it. This is a remarkable example of the multiplier effect of investing in education and how incredibly significant it is for the future of Malawi.



A Ray of Hope: The Journey of Baby Yohane By Carmel Courtright

In the heart of Lilongwe, Malawi, the Ministry of Hope Crisis Nursery stands as a beacon of hope for vulnerable children. One such child is Baby Yohane Jackson Laston, who has become a symbol of resilience in the face of adversity. Born in February 2024 and admitted to the nursery on August 18, 2025, Yohane's journey began under tragic circumstances but is now filled with hope.

On admission, Baby Yohane weighed just 7.9 kilograms, a stark indicator of the malnutrition he faced. He arrived with a serious fever and a persistent cough, later testing posi-

tive for malaria—vulnerabilities that had developed during a harrowing period of his young life.

Yohane's mother had experienced the unimaginable tragedy of losing her nine-year-old son, which plunged her into a deep depression. This grief was compounded by a mental health crisis that left her unable to care for her infant. Wandering the streets with Baby Yohane, she resorted to scavenging for food. It was a situation that no parent should have to endure, and it highlighted the urgency of a supportive intervention.



Baby Yohane today

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Gladys Mkuleza's Transformative Work

Paul Sigmund, from our partner Malawi Visions, recently returned from Malawi and reported on the remarkable transformation of the center at Chimwang'ombe due to the efforts of center Director Gladys Mkuleza.

When Gladys joined the Ministry of Hope's Chimwang'ombe Community Development Center in 2013, the center's garden lay barren and dry. With determination and newly gained training in conservation agriculture, Gladys led a remarkable transformation. Within a year, vegetables flourished again, and in 2015, an irrigation borehole and solar-powered system from Malawi Visions fueled year-round production.

Gladys turned the garden into a self-sustaining enterprise—selling onions and sugar cane to fund operations, pay workers, and buy goats and pigs for natural fertilizer. Surplus crops financed the purchase of more land, expanding production. Average yields of maize grew from 30 to 200 bags of 50kgs each and sharply reduced dependence on external aid.

This abundance transformed lives beyond the fields. The center's feeding program grew from 200 to over 2,200 children daily. Improved nutrition boosted school attendance and performance—secondary school enrollment rose from 8 to 110 students, with 30 now in university, and girls' participation soared.

Gladys has planted the seeds of hope at Chimwang'ombe, and the children of that community are reaping the fruits of resilience and sustainable growth.

Last spring Ministry of Hope started a



Gladys Mkuleza

salary-supplement initiative to help MoH staff cope with inflation. Our donors responded generously, and with an additional \$1,750 a month in the budget, Ministry of Hope was able to fund a 25% raise for all staff, which was a huge boost to morale. However, the inflation rate has continued unabated. Prices of basic commodities over the past 2-3 years have more than tripled. For example, a bag of fertilizer has gone up from 27,000 Malawi Kwacha (\$15 USD) to 175,000 (\$100USD).

We are hoping to provide another cost of living raise this coming year. Gifts to Ministry of Hope's general operating fund help ensure center directors like Gladys are supported through this inflationary surge so they can keep their focus on sustainable programs and ministry, not personal survival.

A Hope Harvester Needs a Home

Under Gladys's leadership, Chimwang'ombe has blossomed and become a model of community resilience and sustainable growth. But this has come with significant personal sacrifices for Gladys and her family. There is no director's house at Chimwang'ombe, and Gladys and her husband must make an hour and a half round trip each day from their village over a very difficult dirt road. Their daily commute costs them over \$10 USD. In the rainy season when the road becomes treacherous or during gas shortages, they are forced to sleep on the floor of a center classroom for days at a time. Their own children must often care for themselves.

Building a director's house would place Gladys in the community and enable her to continue her work as center director while also caring for her own family. A donor at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in New Jersey is willing to fund \$10,000, or half of the \$20,000 cost of building a director's house. That donor is looking for others to match the remaining \$10,000, and so, we are placing this request before our supporters and praying that God might help meet the match.

To give to this matching gift opportunity, please note the designation "Director's House" on your check or through our online portal select "Director's House."

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Thankfully, the Lilongwe District Social Welfare Office stepped in to rescue Baby Yohane from this life-threatening scenario. While his mother was referred to a mental health facility for necessary treatment, Baby Yohane was admitted to the Crisis Nursery, where he would receive the care and love he desperately needed. It was here that his journey of healing began.

When Yohane arrived at the Crisis

Nursery, the dedicated staff immediately set to work, providing him treatment for malaria and addressing his malnutrition. With consistent, loving care, and a safe environment, Yohane responded remarkably well by gaining weight and blossoming into a smiling, playful baby.

As he continues to thrive at the nursery, the social welfare office is in the process of identifying other family members to collaborate on a sustainable plan for

Yohane's future. This ensures that, once he is ready to transition out of the nursery, he will be received into a loving and supportive environment.

Donors play an essential role in supporting the Ministry of Hope Crisis Nursery, providing critical resources for children like Baby Yohane. With your help, we can continue to nurture and heal these little ones, turning despair into hope one child at a time.

Bringing Hope and Healing to Families By Elizabeth Daley

Recently, my family experienced the U.S. healthcare system firsthand. From the moment we dialed 911 to the hospital admission, trained medical professionals were available at every stage. A simple phone call brought well-equipped, skilled providers to our home, and the hospital had the necessary medications to meet our needs.

In Malawi, the reality is starkly different. There is no 911 emergency system. Many people walk for hours to reach a government-run health center, only to find it understaffed and lacking essential medicines.

That's why the **Ministry of Hope's Mobile Medical Clinics** are so vital. Serving four rural centers, these clinics bring compassionate, qualified care directly to the people who need it most. While patients may still walk hours to their community center, when they arrive they are met by trained Malawian clinicians equipped with the tests, medications, and expertise to treat them. When



Peace visiting the Mobile Clinic

necessary, referrals and even transportation are arranged for further care.

One of our recent patients, a young girl named **Peace**, came to the Khwamba Mobile Medical Clinic with her mother.

She had been suffering from fever, coughing, and eye pain for several weeks. After testing positive for malaria and an eye infection, Peace received antimalarial treatment, antibiotic ointment, pain relief, and multivitamins. Her mother was counseled on the importance of completing treatment and seeking care early—something that's difficult in remote villages.

Your generosity makes stories like Peace's possible. Your gifts provide the trained staff, diagnostic tests, and lifesaving medicines that transform lives. Our mobile medical clinics serve **800–1,000 people each week**, at a total cost of just over **\$4,000 per month**—and **every service and all medication is free** for patients.

Your support ensures that families like Peace's receive the care they desperately need. Every donation—large or small—makes a real difference. Together, we're bringing hope and healing to communities across Malawi.

We're Looking for Hope Builders!

The Ministry of Hope US Board of Directors is seeking creative, compassionate leaders to join us.

We are looking for people who share our mission to minister to the orphans, widows, the disabled and destitute of Malawi. Board terms are three years, and we welcome applicants who are eager to contribute their skills and energy to advancing our mission.

Our board is a close-knit, welcoming group of volunteers from all over the U.S. who love the work we do and the fellowship we share. We have all been to Malawi numerous times to support the work of the Malawian staff of Ministry of Hope who run the day-to-day operations. Many of our members have chosen to serve multiple terms—some for more than a decade—because we believe deeply in the Ministry's purpose and find joy in working alongside kindred spirits. We just finished our 21st annual board meeting and are excited about the future of Ministry of Hope.

We are especially seeking volunteers with experience in **finance, development, and communications**, including website management and social media outreach. Whether you're a numbers person or someone who loves connecting with others, your talents can make a real difference in the lives we touch every day.

If you're ready to bring hope, heart, and hands-on leadership

to a meaningful cause, we invite you to apply and join us in this important work.

If you would like to find out more about joining or would like to nominate a potential board member, contact our Chair, Rex Hoffman at rexhoffman1@gmail.com.



Ministry of Hope US Board of Directors

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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.

Board of Directors

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.

In the U.S., the Ministry of Hope, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization located in Black Mountain, NC.

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Join Together to Help the Children of Malawi

Your support allows the children of Malawi to be strong and hopeful for the future. As these triplets at the Crisis Nursery stand united in their trust, your gifts also empower them to grow up with hope and live into a future filled with God's love.

See examples below of how your gifts bring holiday cheer to those in Malawi.



Ministry of Hope CHRISTMAS WISH LIST 2025

- \$1,000 Mobile Medical Clinic - village visit**
exams and treatment for at least 250 children and adults
- \$ 350 Secondary School (High School) Scholarship**
for a bright student for a full year (average cost)
\$400 provides tuition, room & board to a top-tier school
- \$ 100 Nutritious Meals**
providing nearly 900 meals for orphans and vulnerable children
- \$ 50 Infant Formula and Supplies**
to nourish a crisis nursery baby for 2 weeks
- \$ 25 Medical Exams and treatment**
for a family of 5 at a Mobile Medical Clinic visit



Making a gift in honor of friends or family is another rewarding option. We have cards that we will provide to you, or we can send directly to those honored with your message. Contact Janet Wells at jwellsministryofhope@gmail.com or call (888) 625-2942 for assistance.

If your church has an Alternative Christmas Giving program, we can supply Ministry of Hope cards such as those pictured above, both in printed and electronic (E-mailable) versions.



There are many ways to give. You may use the attached remittance envelope, open this quick code, or go to www.ministryofhope.org to donate online.

We are very grateful for our amazing supporters!
Wishing you and your loved ones Christmas blessings!

MoH Accepts Gifts of Appreciated Securities

MoH can accept gifts of readily marketable securities, such as stocks and ETFs, which are traded on a major stock exchange, and most mutual funds. Benefits include:

- **Tax Savings:** Donating appreciated securities generally lets you avoid paying capital gains tax and may allow for a charitable deduction at the stock's full fair market value
- **Greater Impact:** As a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity, MoH can sell donated securities tax-free, so your gift goes further
- **Portfolio Benefits:** Gifting securities helps rebalance your investments while supporting vulnerable children in Malawi
- **Convenience:** It is often simple and quick through most brokerage firms

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