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Dreaming Beyond Survival By Rex Hoffman

Steve Petros is an MoH scholarship recipient who graduated from the Mzuzu University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Steve recently reflected on how MoH has changed his life: "Ministry of Hope did not merely support me, but they sculpted me. They challenged me to dream beyond survival and to turn personal triumphs into collective elevation. My life work is a mosaic of their efforts."

While he was a university student, Steve's gifts in mentoring, teaching, and leading by example began to emerge. During the school year, Steve would return periodically to MoH's Khwamba Center, where he shared his journey with the younger students and encouraged them by saying, "I was once like you. Don't give up." He inspired them to have courage and determination, reminding them that "Even if you have nothing else, you still have your brain." Steve continues to believe that success is sweeter when shared.

After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Education (Languages) with Upper Class Honors, Steve then obtained his teaching certificate and began teaching in schools near his home village. His goal is to make lessons engaging, enjoyable, and clear. He is known for his kindness and fairness; many students having said he was the best teacher they have ever had.

Beyond the classroom, Steve has also become a speaker at youth conferences, sharing his personal journey of hope in the midst of poverty. He emerged as a voice of encouragement, motivating young people to persevere despite challenges. As Ministry of Hope continues to support new scholar-



ship students, Steve plays an active role in identifying bright, deserving beneficiaries from remote areas, telling them, "I see a future in you."

Today, Steve wears many hats: teacher, speaker, researcher, creative writer and mentor. His life demonstrates that hope, belief, and effort can transform lives. Inspired by his own experience, Steve has pledged to help needy and deserving students supported by MoH and across Malawi, ensuring that the opportunities he received are extended to future generations.

Every day along this journey, Steve silently thanks Ministry of Hope, recognizing that your support opened doors to a brighter future for him.



Woods Memorial Team Sponsors Clinics & Classes

In July a five-member team of volunteers from Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, Maryland visited MoH Malawi to conduct mobile medical clinics and educational seminars.

The team, led by long-time Ministry of Hope supporter Kathy Lohff, sponsored three Mobile Medical Clinics and participated in two of them. Apart from the clinics, the team also

held math workshops for students at MoH Community Centers and donated school supplies that included writing workshop materials, scientific calculators, mathematical sets, exercise books, pens and pencils to 600 students.

Many thanks to the Woods Team for your support and commitment to children and communities served by Ministry of Hope.



Woods Memorial Team in Malawi

The Lifelong Impact of a Journey to Nyasaland By Janet Wells

The story of Dr. Derald & Charlotte Brackmann

Team Hope monthly supporters

People get involved in Malawi and with Ministry of Hope for a wide variety of reasons. For Dr. Derald and Charlotte Brackmann, their reason goes back many years. After joining San Marino Community Church in the early 2000's, they learned that there was a vibrant Malawi ministry with Ministry of Hope.

It was natural for them to get connected with that ministry because they had long-time memories of being in Malawi in 1961 before its independence, when the country was still known as Nyasaland.

The Brackmanns' exploration began when they were just 24 years old and recently married. Derald was between his junior and senior years in medical school and had been selected for a visiting fellowship in medical mission in Africa. Although neither one of them had ventured far from their rural homes in Illinois, and neither had ever been on an airplane before, they felt called to a country far away.

During their time in Nyasaland, Charlotte taught school, while Derald worked in a medical clinic in a small, rural village called Mpondis. They lived in a typical small hut with a grass-thatched roof. Nearby was a leprosy colony and the medical clinic where Derald treated patients for a variety of tropical diseases. Often, he made his medical visits using a bicycle to navigate difficult terrain. Despite the challenges, the Brackmanns loved being among the Malawian people.

They also occasionally attended political rallies for independence and had the opportunity to meet and shake hands with Hastings Banda, who later became the first President of Malawi. They remember the rallying cry of the crowds shouting "kwacha!" which literally means dawn, as symbolized by the rising sun featured on Malawi's national flag. Now of course, Malawian currency is known in units referred to as kwacha.

Their love of the country and its people led them to make four return trips, where Dr. Brackmann worked as an ear



In Malawi in 1961



Derald traveling by bicycle

specialist and surgeon in southern Malawi. Their dedication to the people of Malawi continued on over the years.

Years later, upon learning about Ministry of Hope and the many programs being implemented, they were all in, being already aware of the enormous needs in a country continually ranked among the poorest in the world. The Brackmanns were impressed with the MoH programs and how far each dollar stretches to make a significant difference. They immediately made a commitment to be major monthly



Derald & Charlotte Brackmann

donors and have been supporting Ministry of Hope very generously ever since.

Dr. Brackmann sums up their commitment in this way: "We are convinced that there is no better way to donate funds than to Ministry of Hope, where well over 90% of our gift goes directly to care of the children and people of Malawi."

A big "zikomo kwambiri" (thank you) to Charlotte and Derald for their long-time dedication to the people of Malawi and for their continued support for Ministry of Hope programs and participants.

Derald and Charlotte live in South Pasadena, CA, where Derald continues to practice medicine as an ENT specialist.

Please note:

If you are willing to share your story of how you became connected with Malawi and a supporter of Ministry of Hope, we would very much like to hear from you! Please contact Janet Wells at jwellsministryofhope@gmail.com.

Malawi Visions Summer Shipment By Paul Sigmund and David Frey

This past July a shipping container from Malawi Visions filled with 22,000-pounds of cargo arrived at the MoH Malawi headquarters. It was a cargo of hope in the form of books and Bibles, sewing machines, brightly colored and newly sewn girls' skirts and boys' shorts, educational supplies, material for solar panels, and much more. This year's container was the largest in the 13 years MV has sponsored the program.

Malawi Visions, a ministry of Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, sends a small work team to Malawi every year, but a much larger group at LCPC works all year behind the scenes, with well over 40 volunteers to coordinate the packing and shipping of the container.

The volunteer team loaded this year's



Malawi Visions Volunteer Team preparing and sending off the container



Packing the container

container in late March for the 8,000-mile journey over land and sea. The shipment included 5,000 books, 12 sewing machines, classroom tables, library tables and shelves, classroom chairs, blackboards, hundreds of skirts and shorts, solar equipment, pumps, pipes, fittings, electrical controls, and 120 soccer balls!

The shipment departed the port of Newark, New Jersey on April 4, and had to take a longer route around the Horn of Africa due to heightened terrorist activity threatening the Red Sea off Yemen. The

shipment landed in Mozambique June 14 and traveled the final 600 miles overland until it arrived at MoH's front gate July 3.

Malawi Visions sponsors transformative projects and programs in the six MoH centers, including irrigated vegetable gardens, solar-powered lighting, libraries, classrooms, and educational programs for tailoring, early English and a Teen Life Internship Program.

We thank God for the safe arrival of the shipment and the dedicated efforts of the MV volunteers.

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure By Elizabeth Daley

The most dangerous animal in Africa isn't a lion or crocodile, as one might expect. Instead, it's the small but deadly mosquito. In fact, because of the diseases it spreads, the mosquito is the most lethal animal in the world, leading to the deaths of more people than any other creature.

In Malawi, approximately 7,500 people die of mosquito-borne malaria each year. The majority of these deaths occur among children under five years old. Even mild sicknesses that cause fever, aches, and lethargy are detrimental, as they cause school-age children to miss days of school and adults to be unable to farm or work.

MoH mobile medical clinics routinely conduct malaria testing, and in the last year those tests have shown an increase in malaria cases throughout the rural communities we serve. Because the Malawian government has struggled to distribute

enough mosquito nets for the general population, Executive Director Daniel Moyo reached out to Family Health Services to see if MoH could help with the crisis. By the grace of God, they responded favorably, and MoH has collected 5000 mosquito nets for distribution to the needy and orphaned children we support.

Through MoH medical teams' quick identification of a rising problem, followed by immediate action, countless lives have been saved. Mobile medical clinics are faithfully supported by our donors. Consider making a life-saving donation today to continue medical care to these rural villages.



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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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The Story of Joseph Malumbira

Joseph Malumbira has been a part of Ministry of Hope's work in Malawi since 2007, when he joined MoH as the supervisor of Matipila Center. Since that time, he has served in various roles, including managing village centers and directing a variety of special projects that support children and caregivers in need.

In 2012, Joseph became the director of Mponela Center. He works closely with communities of traditional authority, building relationships and rapport that enable MoH to best serve the people in this area. His goals include empowering village households economically and through education in modern farming practices. To this end he has established over 300 self-help groups to encourage community cooperation and connection to sources of support. Looking ahead, Joseph also hopes that Mponela will become an example of excellence in the use of irrigation, thus lessening the village's dependency on outside food supplies and moving it toward true food security.

As Joseph has put down deep roots in the Mponela community, he is always envisioning creative ways to improve the outlook for children and families, including unsupported orphans who tend to fall through the cracks. In the vital work of education for village children, Joseph dreams of an MoH secondary school and vocational training center, in order that even more students may be supported and given hope.

Joseph's work with MoH, as well as his pursuit of higher education in ministry, reveals a deep passion to serve suffering and destitute people in Malawi, especially children. In fact, he has dedicated his life to this cause, despite the many personal challenges that come with such a choice. "By the grace of God, I hope to do my best to help many children know Christ and stay on the right path," says Joseph. This commitment is gratefully recognized by the many students who have been impacted by his work.

Victor Chiphe, one MoH-sponsored student who went on to graduate from the University of Malawi, dedicated his BA degree to Joseph Malumbira, saying, "You have been my model, mentor, and inspiration throughout my school days, and I would like to honor you by dedicating my degree to you as I graduate."



Joseph and his wife

