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Top Volunteers Engineer Success!



Who would have believed that a world-class geotechnical engineering expert would volunteer to drop everything to come & help in Malawi? No-one could have imagined that, minutes after the start of our recent appeal for specialist construction support, an Oxford doctorate would come forward with 30 years incredible experience including involvement in the Millennium Bridge and Channel Tunnel.... and best of all, he's a Malawian! Dr Zedi Nyirenda contacted Krizevac Project after he saw the adverts for volunteers, kindly organised by Sentinel Engineering, Tunbridge Wells. Zedi wasted no time at all and immediately plunged in to soil and strength tests on our 'Hydra-form' blocks, quickly discovering that they are stronger than traditional bricks and save time, money and, importantly, no trees are felled to burn these bricks. Malawi has a terrible deforestation problem. Best of all, Zedi has recruited a local team for design and construction of the children's centre, technical school and enterprise buildings.

Remarkably, nearly 30 additional engineers responded to the appeal and volunteer placements are being organised so that we will have expert engineering support throughout all of the prospective building work ensuring donations are well used on buildings that will last. Huge thanks to Zedi Nyirenda and also to Sentinel Engineering, who helped by providing all of the advertising for volunteers free of charge.



Torrential Business Success

IT Manager Emanuel Chibalaka, noticed that trainees were leaving Beehive PC Engineering courses but there were no jobs for them, so he established Torrent Computer Rentals in November 2008, Beehive's sixth exciting social enterprise.

Computers are really expensive in Malawi. Torrent makes it easy and affordable to rent computers with support from Beehive-trained technicians. The computers are donated from UK supporters and are rented to schools, businesses and hospitals in Blantyre. The enterprise is generating an income which is all re-invested to provide more training and employment within Beehive. "It's been hard work" explained Emanuel

"but it is worth it to see such a success. We've achieved 100 computers on rental and our next goal is to reach 1,000 computers on loan, then we'll all be dancing on the tables!"

"Our grateful thanks to all who have donated computers so far. We still need donations from businesses, schools and other organisations who are upgrading equipment" said George Furnival - UK Coordinator "but we can no longer arrange to collect one-off computers from individuals – it's simply too costly" If you have any questions about donating IT equipment please phone the UK office for details (No. on reverse).

Pictures (from top) Dr Nyirenda gets the hydra-form on track; New jobs for locals building new housing; The women work the hardest!; David Brown arrives as new Construction Manager; Emmanuel the proud manager of Torrent



Malawian Leadership For Beehive

Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise is proud and excited to welcome a brand new Managing Director, Peter Nkata. As well as having substantial commercial and engineering experience, Peter successfully started and managed 'Mary's Meals', feeding over 350,000 children in Malawi everyday.

"It's right and proper that we have found and appointed a talented Malawian to lead us to a new future. I have every confidence that with Peter's skills and expertise we will move from strength to strength just as Mary's Meals did under his 5 years of leadership. We are honoured that he has joined our team" explained Vince Owen, outgoing Managing Director.

Elsie Makes it to Malawi

Many said she was too old and rusty to make the long two month journey by sea and road, but "Elsie" our fifth container of donated equipment has safely arrived in Chilomoni. Packed with bicycles for BeeBike, happy volunteers unloaded Elsie this week. "These bikes are fantastic" said Mike Khoromana, BeeBike Manager "everyone in Malawi wants a strong bike and now they know that Beehive is the place to find them".

Over 6000 books, all donated by UK supporters, also made the journey. Keen volunteer, Jo Seth-Smith explained "some books will go straight to the library at St James primary, but we now have enough books to begin BeeBook Exchange" Jo, a UK graduate, has been sorting through all the books and getting them ready to be bought, sold and swapped at the new exchange. "It's a huge task" Jo told us, "but I feel as though I am leaving something behind here when I finish my volunteering, so I am happy to be doing it".

During 2009 Krizevac Project has sent two 40ft containers, but also two lorries, packed with donated

Pictures (from top) Every inch counts! Packing in as much as possible in Staffordshire; Three months later, everyone's excited to see what's arrived; even small hands help to unload



equipment. The lorries are much needed to help with the building work, moving the hydra-form blocks from our rural block making yard, to our construction sites in Chilomoni. With over a thousand environmentally friendly blocks being made each day, the lorries are essential to the success of the construction projects.

Pictures (from top) A well deserved rest on the maize for hardworking Mary; women preparing the maize for storage

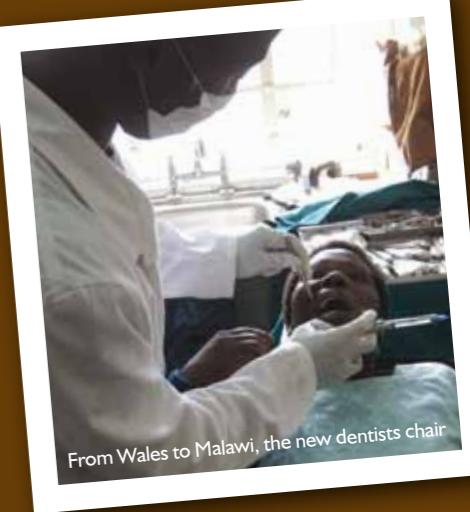


A'maize'ing Harvest to Feed Hungry Workers

We may all moan about rain in the UK, but here in Malawi, a proper wet rainy season means bumper harvests and that's what we have this year. "It has been a good year, Beehive workers have produced

nearly 100 bags of maize, which will feed our team for about half the year", explained Mary Kamwendo, Customer and Staff Care Leader for Beehive. "This will keep costs down so we can spend money elsewhere".

It's Not Like Pulling Teeth



"When I visited Chilomoni Health Clinic in September 2009, I was appalled by some of the conditions" says George Furnival, UK Coordinator "A lot of it was shocking to me, but when I spoke to the dentist I couldn't believe that although he is fully trained, all he does is pull out teeth because he had no equipment for proper dentistry" Children as young as 4 were having teeth extracted, all for the want of tools and a chair. Luckily, one our keenest supporters, Joe Cavali in South Wales, knew of a dentist surgery that was closing down, within weeks the whole surgery was on a container bound for Malawi. Sytler Chabwera dental therapist is looking forward to seeing the completion of this project so he can finally use all his training to do a proper job. Our thanks to Joe for his inspirational and unending support.

The heavy rains mean that across Malawi the harvest has been bountiful, which is good news in a country where 90% of its population depends on growing their own food to feed their families.

Volunteering Special



The beautiful wooded area in the foothills of Michiru Mountain, just 10 minutes way from Beehive, is now buzzing with activity following the arrival of the first volunteers. They may not be paid, but they certainly work hard as Jo, from Dublin Ireland is proving. He is managing the digging of a fish farm, and although he has only been working for three weeks he has gained a loyal following in his team of workers, who are getting the job done in no time, so Beehive workers will soon be eating fish from our own pond.

Jo-Seth Smith is also getting stuck in, with a keen interest in health, she is the perfect person to take on the task of shaping the future involvement of healthcare in our children's centre. "It's a challenge" she told us "but I am excited about being able to make a real difference". She has created a warm caring environment for all volunteers and has made sure everyone is fed and looked after. But they were not the first..... Lindsey and Kate are now back in the UK, but here's what they had to say about their time in Chilomoni....

"We were very well supported by George prior to our trip, then subsequently by Vince and Alexa upon arrival. We were housed very comfortably in beautiful surroundings, with just a 15 minute walk to the school. The school was welcoming, the children are so willing to learn, very respectful and responsive. There is a huge lack of resources although St James is well equipped compared to other local schools. We supported the school in setting up a library system, appointing librarians and recycling officers, as well as making space for a staff room and spending time in the classrooms with the children. The children loved learning new English songs and we all had so much fun learning their songs and dances, which they are very proud of. With the older children we were able to take some global citizenship lessons and, although a slight language barrier, the lessons were successful and rewarding. I shall always remember the experience. It was so rewarding as well as challenging. We also had the opportunity to see some of the

country at weekends which is so beautiful with so much to offer. I would not hesitate to recommend volunteering for the Krizevac project, you are so well supported and come away with personal fulfilment and an experience of a lifetime."

Lindsey and Kate produced a fantastic DVD about St James' primary school and the life of children in Chilomoni while they were in Malawi, it's a great educational resource, if you would like a copy, please do get in touch.

Krizevac will shortly be welcoming 4 expert childcare and education specialists who will be helping to transform the nursery by offering top quality training and support to the local staff. "We only get two weeks training to work with under 5's in Malawi" said one carer "we want to get better and have new ideas, we will stay until 10 o'clock at night if we can to complete this new training and we hope lots more volunteers will keep coming to help us"

Why Not Escape From Economic Gloom to the 'Warm Heart of Africa'?

Volunteering in Malawi is an exciting and fulfilling experience and you can make a real difference to this wonderful community. If you have skills you can offer any of our projects, whether it's the school, nursery, Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise, our construction projects or simply general organisational

support, please email or phone for more details. We are looking for proactive, independent people who want to share their skills with a community who are eager to learn. We ask that you have a minimum of three months to commit to the project and that you are able to fundraise at least £1500 for Krizevac

before you leave. We cover the cost of flights, accommodation at the beautiful Mitsidi and food for the duration of your stay. For some, it's a life changing experience and we will help you to make the most of your stay.



Pictures (from left) Mitsidi- a wonderful retreat for volunteers; Jo McClenahan points the way to the new fish farm; Jo-Seth Smith finds time to help sort out the books; Alexa serves up Jack Fruit for breakfast; Lindsey attracts attention in the street!; Lindsey and Kate arrive for a day at work; Nursery children enjoying new toys; Children loving the English lesson; Sharing books together is great fun; Kate enjoys a local lunch with a local family.

Raiken Ngoma,
administration volunteer



"Hi, my name is Raiken Ngoma, I'm a single mum with a 10-year-old daughter and I live here in Chilomoni. I was born in Zimbabwe and trained as a secretary, but about 5 years ago, the hard economic times meant I lost my job and couldn't find any other work. My Father was Malawian and our dream was for the whole family to move back to Malawi, but we just didn't have any money to make the move. So I took the difficult decision to go to South Africa to find employment. I had to work there illegally which meant I couldn't take my daughter with me, it broke my heart to leave her with my mother and I never dreamed that it would be for as long as four whole years. Sadly, my Father died while I was in Johannesburg, I just didn't know what to do, but I wanted to fulfil his ambition. So we moved to Malawi, firstly to the North where he was born, but there is no work there, so I moved to Chilomoni so I could be close to the city, I never expected that it would be just as hard here. I walked past Beehive Centre for

Social Enterprise quite a few times before I went in, I liked the fact that it is a social organisation focused on helping the community. I am now volunteering in the office until I find work, but I really hope that I can be taken on by Beehive as soon as there is a job available. All I want is to own something that shows I am me, that I am here; a house, a car,

even a cow, it doesn't matter what I own, just something that counts. But what I want more than anything is for my daughter to have a better life than me, which is what my mother wanted too! My daughter is so clever, she deserves to do well, but there are not many resources here, so my hope is that Krizevac will continue to help"

Volunteers help locals to construct a community

Top Civil Engineer David Brown from Cambridge donated three months of his time to help the newly created design and construction team to forge ahead with building a new heart for Chilomoni. With Beehive fast out-growing its temporary accommodation there is an urgent need for a new technical training school. David used his years of

UK and international construction experience to help complete the designs and get building work underway. Newly appointed director Peter Nkata told us "This two storey building is exciting for Chilomoni, we'll be able to offer many more training places, our Beehive IT courses are always over-subscribed" At the end of his stay David was

joined by New York architect Silvia Ott. Silvia will be helping the local architect trainees to finalise plans for Chilomoni's Children's Centre. Providing care for orphans and the children of trainees, the centre will also offer a whole range of family support, so that Malawian children can have the best possible start in life.

Brick-By-Brick...

It would have been easier to contract a company to sort out the construction which is now underway but the Krizevac team is building a number of new enterprises along the way. Chimembe, a desperately poor rural area now has a block yard with 20 employees creating special blocks which are sold back to Beehive. Jonathan Mapemba oversees the block making yard, making sure that each brick is good enough quality to create buildings that will permanently transform Chilomoni. Jonathan started off at Beehive as a mechanic in BeeBikes but he quickly proved that he has the capability to manage this much bigger operation. Planning permission has just been granted for our huge technical training college and a local architect is busy designing the children's centre, each building will need thousands of the new 'hydra form' blocks, meaning there is plenty of work for Chimembe for the future. Of course, taking soil from the ground to make all these blocks, leaves big holes in the ground. Krizevac is planning to help the village to turn the holes into fish farms which will benefit this hard working community for years to come.

Buy a Brick or Two!

You can help. Krizevac buys each block from the rural project for 15pence. As you can imagine we need thousands to build the training block and the desperately needed children's centre. Please make a one off donation right now, either by filling in the form on the back page and sending it to the Freepost address, or by going to our brand new website to make an immediate safe online donation www.krizevac.org

1 brick will help, but 100 bricks would be even better, £15 will go a long way towards helping us transform lives in Malawi, thank you for all your support. Remember, 100% of public donations go straight to Malawi as all of our UK expenses are met through grants or business sponsorship- with Krizevac you know that every penny makes a difference.



Graduation Day at the Beehive

Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise is proud to present the newest graduates of 2009. Qualifying in IT, PC Engineering or Tailoring, these proud trainees are now ready to work and excited about their future- our congratulations to you all.

