

Thank you

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to EVERYONE who has helped us throughout 2010, whether you have volunteered, raised funds, or collected equipment, we couldn't have done without you. Here are a few recent and significant names...

Tim Shipley - Royal Mail, for organising bike recycling
Pam Wowk - FR Systems
Chris Williams - GSF Car Parts
Peter Lightfoot - Stoke on Trent Police
Gill Lee, Cheryl Evans, Paula Hodson, Pauline Machin - the fab four fundraisers
Chris Knight - Superstar container loader
Josie Knight - book packer and hoover extraordinaire

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Great Wryley Performing Arts High School
St Chads Primary - Birmingham
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Soroptimists everywhere!
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Joe Cavali
Cathy Bishop
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The 2010 Malawi Volunteers. ...
Dr Zedi Nyirenda, Elise Tinn, Dawid Viljoen, Marty McColl, Claudia Partridge, Jack Cooper, Sam Youdan, Jane Hunt, Malcolm Savage, Marian Pearson, David Meechan, Jan and Lindy Daines



Contact us

Phone us if you would like to find out more or help our projects:
0845 003 6004

To donate bikes, books, tools or sewing machines call our freephone number **0800 078 7801** to find out where your closest collection point is. Schools and businesses- if you have large quantities of computers or books, please use the freephone number to organise a collection.

Visit our website or send us an email
www.krizevac.org
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Or visit us!
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Inspired Community Transformation

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St James Primary: Pencils for all!

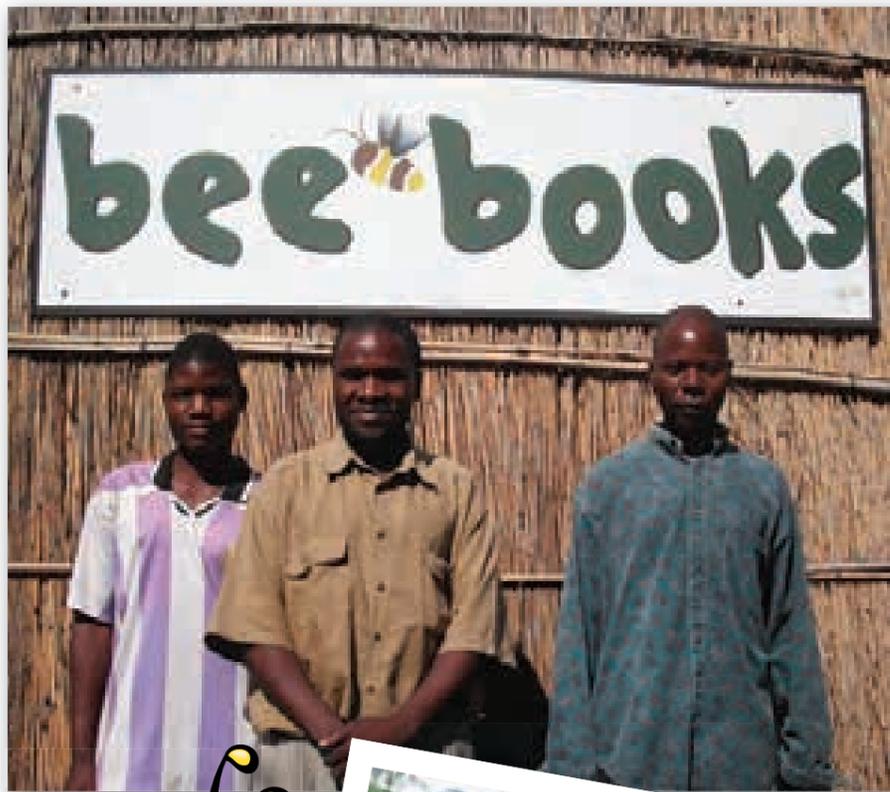
A HUGE THANK YOU from 1900 of the children at St James Parish Primary, Chilomoni to all the children who donated filled pencil cases. This massive effort was organised by Emily Clarke, a keen Krizevac supporter, she motivated 8 schools and guide groups to collect old but usable filled pencil cases. Lack of educational materials makes learning hard in Malawi, having your own pencil case is something to be proud of and will really help the students with their learning.



We are appealing for qualified teachers to volunteer at St James Primary

The teachers in Chilomoni look after classes of up to 120 children imagine how hard it is to give individual attention and promote every child's learning! 6 Krizevac volunteers have helped in the school so far and teachers welcome the input. But we urgently need teachers who are able

to provide consistency by offering a full school year of support. Volunteering for Krizevac is a life changing opportunity; we give full support and cover expenses for some positions. Check out the volunteers' page of the website for details.



Busy Beehive creates two new enterprises

Bee Books

Schools across Staffordshire are recycling their books by donating huge volumes to Krizevac every month. "Books are such a rare commodity in Malawi" says Peter Nkata, Managing Director of Beehive "these donations can make the difference for a child to be inspired to learn forever" When they arrive in Malawi, some books go to the school library, some go to BeeBooks and are sold for just 8pence each. Every month around £400 is raised in this way which helps to pay for food for all the Beehive workers. "The minimum wage in Malawi is just £12 per month and so sales of these second hand books provides a very meaningful income as well as great learning material"

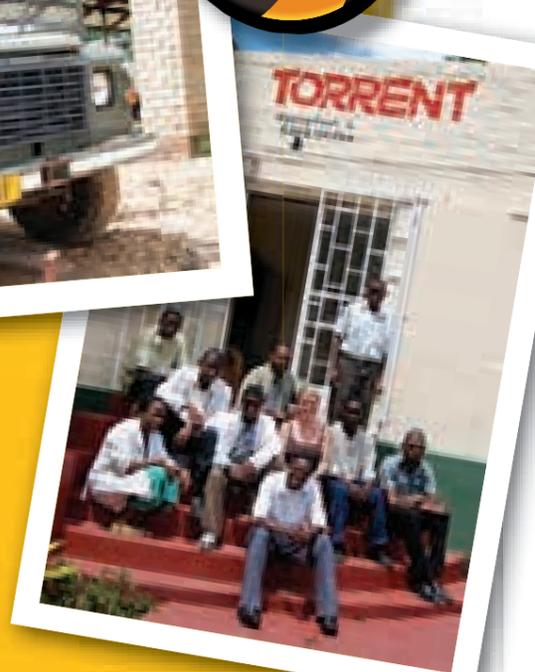


Torrent plant and vehicle hire

Krizevac Project is harnessing the power of hundreds of hard working Malawians to forge their own future instead of getting something for nothing. "We believe that Malawi needs to generate its own solutions to ending poverty" explains Vince Owen, Managing Director of Krizevac Project. "We're giving people a hand up not a hand out. So far we've shipped a range of trucks, backhoes, telehandlers and other machinery for our own building projects and this is the basis of the new business". Krizevac Project has launched seven businesses employing over 350 people in the last two years. Torrent Rentals is the newest enterprise to generate income, all of which is ploughed back into the project and helps to fund vital initiatives such as orphan care at the Chilomoni Children's Centre.

WANTED:

Plant and machinery for our rental enterprise. Do you have a JCB in your garage or a digger in the barn? What about a redundant cement mixer? Why not put it to great use in Malawi?!



Meet the team

George Furnival - Krizevac Project Coordinator

George has worked for Krizevac since September 2008, her main roles include managing the new UK team and office, recruiting all the volunteers for Malawi, raising funds for the projects and creating the publicity.

Zoe Antrobus - Resources Manager

"I joined the team as a volunteer in Malawi in September 2009" says Zoe, "It was an amazing experience. I organised all the imports of donated equipment, I was lucky enough to be offered a full time position in the UK" Zoe started her new job in January 2010 and coordinates

everything to do with equipment. "We're still collecting bikes, sewing machines and books, but we're also sending a lot of tools, vehicles and construction equipment to Malawi now" Zoe explains, "I aim to send 12 containers a year, so its busy busy busy here!"

Mary Parris - Book Volunteer

Thousands of books are donated to Krizevac Project every month, luckily we have been able to recruit a book expert to sort through them all and re-pack them for shipping. "I sort all the books into categories" explains Mary "some go to the primary school, early years books go to the children's centre and the rest go to Beebooks"

A new home for Krizevac UK

Huge thanks to everyone who helped convert a garage in Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, into an amazing new office for Krizevac Project. "Working from my dining room was fine for a while" says George, UK Coordinator "but the projects in Malawi have grown so much, we had to grow to support them. The biggest challenge was trying not to spend any money on things like desks and computers. We were lucky to get some great business sponsorship and donated equipment and now we are fully up and running."

Supporters are welcome to visit us, our new address is:

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Dennis Harper - Handyman

Every organisation needs a 'Dennis', no task is too big and we couldn't do without his hard work. He prepares the thousands of bikes for shipping, drives the vans, loads the containers and generally keeps us all organised.

Doug Bruce - Volunteer Driver

It takes a lot of dedication to give up your time for free, but every week this is exactly what Doug does. He collects books, sewing machines and bikes and helps to load the containers...what would we do without our amazing volunteers?

Construction update

Buildings are popping up everywhere - a new heart for Chilomoni

Priests House

The new auxiliary Bishop for Blantyre is one of a number of the clergy living in Chilomoni's first two storey building which was built by busy Beehive builders. Rather than getting an expensive contractor to build, Beehive engaged large numbers of unskilled local labour and this building has been their classroom. The Priests' House was funded with generous support from Park House Trust. Now the same team has been grown to take on more challenging and larger projects.

Victim Support Unit

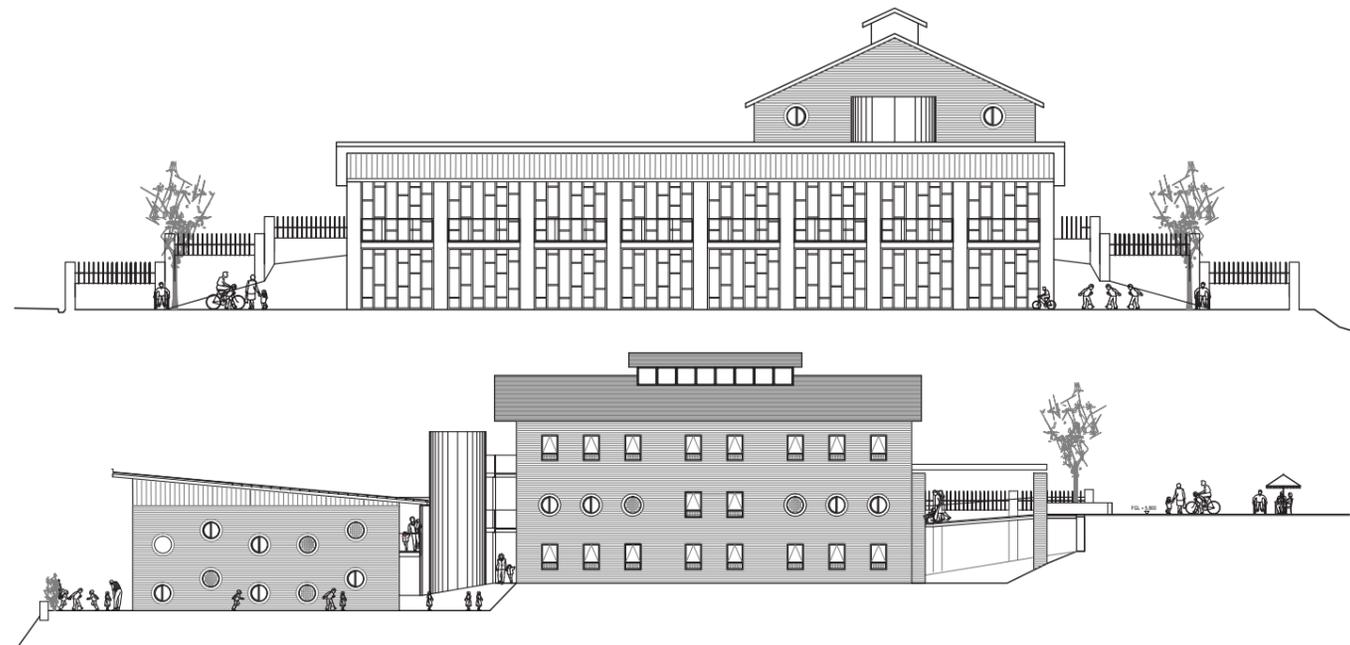
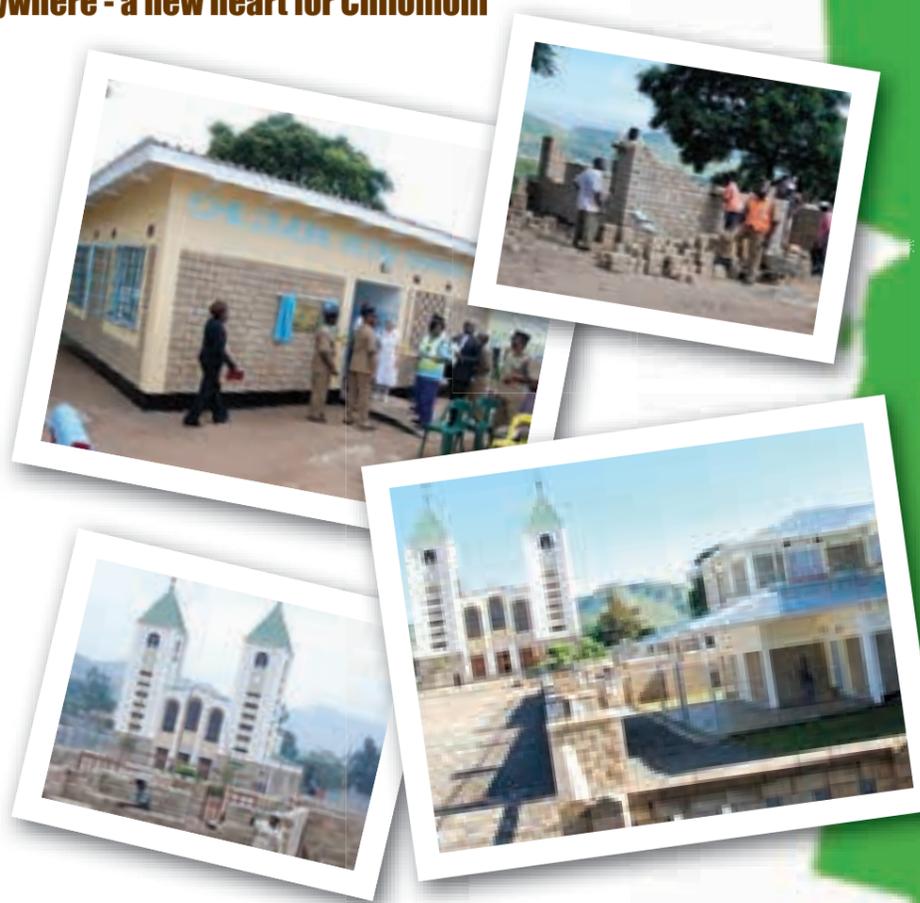
Chilomoni Police station can now deal properly with victims of rape and domestic violence thanks to a new welcoming and comfortable unit built by the Beehive team.

Training Centre

Many of the 350 Beehive construction workers are busily building an incredible three storey IT training facility. Due to open its doors to 400 students in January 2011, this state of the art facility will boast the finest computer expertise and equipment in Malawi. Know any IT trainers? ...look at the back page for exciting volunteering opportunities.

In the last newsletter we asked you to buy a brick to build a much needed children's centre for Chilomoni; our grateful thanks to all the Staffordshire Early Years team who organised concerts, ran marathons, cooked for soupathons, and generally worked so hard to raise thousands of pounds for this centre. The response to our appeal was amazing,

your help, along with some expert input from some fantastic volunteer architects means we have the go ahead to build. Malawi is looking forward to its best ever early learning setting. Planning permission has been granted, the foundations have been dug and by next summer we will be able to show you real photos rather than drawings.



Focus on people

Your bikes transform lives

Macniven Mandala is one of the many Malawian people who have greatly benefited from UK bicycle donations.

After saving for 6 months Macniven bought a Trek mountain bike from BeeBikes, for £50. BeeBikes is a part of BeeHive Centre for Social Enterprise. All income raised from bike sales is used to support other non profit making activities within the Beehive, such as building the

training centre. BeeBikes was started in 2007 and has sold over 2,000 bikes and raised £100 000. The venture also provides employment and training for local people. The business is now so successful that it has outgrown its existing premises and will soon be moving to a new larger purpose built workshops.

Macniven a 30 year old Primary school teacher from Manase, Blantyre used to

walk a 16 kilometer round to reach work each day. Now with his bike it takes him just 20 minutes to commute to work. He said 'The donated bikes from the UK are really simplifying transport problems in Malawi' He is now able to visit friends and family in other districts and often cycles the 90 kilometers to Zomba and Mulanje.



We urgently need more bikes for Malawi, phone 0800 078 7801 if you have an old or unused bike to donate



Malawi volunteering vacancies

Construction:

Architect

Start Date: January 2011
Duration: 6 months

Skilled and experienced architect needed to oversee the completion of children's centre construction and undertake the design of a mixture of residential and commercial buildings to create a new heart for Chilomoni, Malawi.

Enterprise:

Land Rover Mechanic

Start Date: January 2011
Duration: 6 months

You will be helping to set up our Land Rover workshop and training 4 local mechanics in all aspects of Landie maintenance and repair.

MJ Lorry Mechanic

Start Date: January 2011
Duration: 6 months

You will be helping to set up our HGV workshop and training 4 local mechanics in all aspects of MJ Lorry maintenance and repair.

General:

House Manager

Start Date: January 2011
Duration: 1 year

This is an exciting job and an amazing opportunity to work as part of our fantastic team of volunteers, training local staff and overseeing Mitsidi Volunteers Village.

Education and FE Training:

Primary School Teachers

- all subject areas

Start date- varies to coincide with term dates

Duration- 1 school year

You will be an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher, capable of rising to the challenge of few facilities and up to 125 children in each class.

Information Technology

Trainer of Trainers

Start date: January 2011

Duration: 1 year

An experienced and enthusiastic IT trainer is needed to support a Malawian team of IT trainers to develop their skills in all curriculum areas.

Enterprise and Business

Trainer of Trainers

Start date: January 2011

Duration: 1 year

An experienced and enthusiastic Enterprise and Business trainer is needed to support a Malawian team of Business trainers to develop their skills in all curriculum areas.

Early Years and Childcare:

Children's Centre Manager

Start Date: April 2011

Duration: 1 year

Our centre will be based on the UK Sure Start model, offering full day care, family and health support; we require an experienced Children's Centre Manager to oversee the opening and all operations.

Childcare Trainers and

Experienced Room Leaders

Start Date: Ongoing.

Duration: 6-18months

Suitable candidates will be expert and experienced childcare trainers or professional early years workers with an ability to confidently deliver training.

Child Protection Trainer

Start Date: January 2011

Duration: 6 months

We require a dedicated and experienced child protection trainer who will be responsible for interweaving preventative child protection into all aspects of the children's centre.

Focus on people

The tale of three tailors

Growing from willing volunteers to become professional tailoring trainers, Rachel, Loyce and Khataza are a great example of the personal transformation that is being achieved at the Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise.

These smartly dressed and eloquent young women met, at St James Catholic Church, Chilomoni and now Rachael Madanitsa, 45, Loyce Masuku, 44, and Khataza Kabowa, 32, are all married with young families who rely on the new income they earn.

Their journey began in July 2007, when they volunteered at the church with other local, unemployed women, to learn how to sew informally.

'We started sewing with needles. By then, we had no machines,' Loyce says. 'But in October, almost 200 sewing machines were donated by Krizevac Project. After six months, we each received an electric sewing machine which we have at home.'

'Some of the women stayed at home, sewing, but others came back to learn more,' Khataza says. 'After one year we had a certificate in tailoring and designing' Rachael adds, 'In 2009, after six more months of training, we had a Diploma in Tailoring and Design.'

'We were the best students,' Khataza beams, and the other two women nod, smiling.

'At first we were volunteers, just receiving a free meal. Now we are training almost sixty students,' Rachael says proudly. 'My specialist subject is designing and cutting,' Loyce says, 'I am best at technology. I go first and teach the theory, then Khataza teaches the practical.'

'I'm able to help my grandmother, and my husband now,' says Khataza. 'I feel very important.'

'..and more respected,' adds Loyce. 'Thanks to Beehive, I can help my husband pay the bills at home, which at

first I was unable to do. His friends used to ask him why he didn't send me to the city to do a proper job. Now he is so proud of me.'

'At first when we were volunteers, people were laughing at us, because we were coming here without being paid,' Rachael remembers.

'Now they come here to learn from us,' Khataza grins. 'They say: "Look, you are employed now".'

'There is something good which has happened here,' Loyce smiles. 'Beehive has changed our lives.'

