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Community Transformation

The Krizevac Project works with some of the world's poorest people, helping transform communities in a very cost efficient way. We build good quality infrastructure like schools, provide essential equipment, help people develop and improve local organisations.

We give those who really need it a hand up, not just a hand out. We deliver essential skills training and provide people with tools and other equipment to help establish local enterprises, like tailors or computer engineering. We help families stand on their on two feet and, importantly, we do it quickly.

We build capacity and empower local organisations to achieve an improved, sustainable future. Our impact is meaningful and long-term. The Krizevac Project is a registered charity which relies on the support of generous individuals and businesses.



Chilomoni Township

Malawi, a small sub-Saharan country, is one of the poorest places in the world, but its peaceful people have never been at war. Chilomoni Township in the South is a densely populated area with many AIDS orphans. The Krizevac Project has built a new primary school for Chilomoni and worked with other agencies so that every child has a school meal. Chilomoni has open sewers and irregular supply of water and electricity. Unemployment is a big problem in Chilomoni, and through Beehive centre for social enterprise we are helping to create thousands of new jobs and new enterprises and to train local people.



Beehive training is practical and focused on making people work ready! Trainers are well-qualified professionals and we make sure trainees have the right resources. Graduates go on to start their own businesses, to work in one of the growing number of Beehive Enterprises or to find employment with other organisations.

> Bees fly 50 miles in their lifetime

What makes a Beehive





Beehive Girls Graduate!

Among the 54 students studying professional courses at Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise, Stella Chigona (age 16) has excelled in being awarded an internationally recognised PC Engineering qualification with an A+. "I couldn't be happier – Thanks to Beehive, I am about to start work in a new Beehive computer rental enterprise which is the start of a lifelong income for my family." We wanted to know the secret to Stella's success and what she would say to encourage others she said "Just work hard and believe in yourself"

Focus On People

Here's your chance to meet some of the people who are working hard at the Beehive and benefiting directly from your support and donations.

Hawa Machado - Tailor at Beehive

"Hi, my name is Hawa, I am 3 I years old, I have two children and we live in Chilomoni, near to the Beehive. I left school when my parents died when I was I 5 as I could no longer afford the school fees, my aunt showed me how to do some embroidery, so I made a little money sewing and I also sold popcorn on the street.

Just over a year ago, I heard about Beehive. It had only just started, so when I signed on to the short tailoring course there were only two sewing machines for everyone, we used to sit in the sun and sew by hand. I learned quickly and I think I was good at it, I made clothes for my children which was a big help. When I finished the course, I got a job with the tailors at Beehive, so now I have a regular income and I can look after my family. Now the containers are arriving there are lots of machines, I want to stay working here

so that everyone can see what good opportunities there are at Beehive and they can get involved too."

Over 200 people die of AIDS each day

Mike Khoromana - Bicycle Workshop Manager at Beehive

"I was one of the first people to start working with Beehive. Before the project began I had been unemployed for three years and completely dependent on my family for food and care.

Previously I had a successful career and I am well qualified, I have always worked hard. I qualified as both an accountant and motor mechanic by working in the day and studying in the evenings. I worked in local government first as a cashier, then as an senior executive officer. I retired from that in 1996 and then went to work with an NGO and then as a Bursar in an International School. It was then that I became ill, I had severe shingles and was then diagnosed as HIV positive, my contract was immediately terminated and I was seen as unemployable.

For three years I struggled and could not earn any money. Then the Beehive project started and I found work, I manage the bike workshop. In Malawi, bikes are the only transport people can afford and for many, owning a bike means being able to get a job. So far I have mended and sold nearly 500 bicycles, all donated from the UK. I am on commission, so I have a share of what I sell, the rest covers the costs, we don't make a profit, but I make a wage. I only hope that more bicycles are sent as many more people need them, it doesn't matter if you think they are rubbish, I can mend anything!"

Many thanks to Mary Kamwendo- Customer and Staff Care Leader for translation and assistance with these interviews.



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Chilomoni Township now connected!

Francis Khanyera started volunteering with Beehive in January 2008. An unemployed but enthusiastic diploma graduate, he had never had a job and welcomed the experience Beehive was able to offer "There simply aren't enough jobs available in Malawi, so I was keen to show what I could do – after six months I was employed on a temporary contract and, now we have enough customers to pay for all of the internet café running costs. I've been promoted to supervisor and am I'm able to support my younger brother into school." Local residents, students and Beehive staff all browse the internet for six Kwacha (2p) per minute. In a country where books are scarce, this new resource is invaluable.









Life expectancy in Malawi in 1997 was 41; now it is 36

Fundraising For Krizevac Can Be Easy PC!



Did you know that you can donate to the Krizevac Project without it costing you a single penny? If you use a computer and the internet you can change your search engine to 'Everyclick' and every time you search for something using Everyclick, they donate to our charity.

All you need to do is go to www.everyclick. com and register, then you nominate the Krizevac Project as your chosen charity. Before you know it you'll be donating money at the click of a mouse and all for free! It may only be a penny at a time, but every penny counts when all of it goes to Malawi and just imagine, if you tell your friends, workplace, school or church to do the same, those pennies will soon add up to be pounds. If you have any trouble setting up everyclick, please call George Furnival- Krizevac UK Coordinator on 07525540155 and I'll try to talk you through it on the phone!

School Report!

Proud Head Teacher Michael Kaliati of St James Primary school, Chilomoni, is looking forward to new football and netball pitch. "There simply isn't a football or netball pitch in Chilomoni Township" said Mr Kaliati and the children are really excited about this. I'd like to say a big Thank You to all who have generously helped to fund our school development!".

The school, built by Krizevac Project and opened in 2006, has 1,900 children but no desks. This shortage of desks has been helped by recent donations from children

and teachers at St John's Primary school, Great Haywood, Staffs. Geoff Woodward, who has supported many Malawi-projects throughout his teaching career, organized a wonderful concert with children and staff singing their support and, together with the Parish, raising close to £2,000. St James' Primary school children, Malawi would like to offer a huge Thank you to all who put in so much time to make the event more successful than any could imagine.

Hands Up Who Wants A Children's Centre

URGENT APPEAL!

A huge thanks to everyone at Stafford Children's Centre for their on going support, staff have been busy organising events and appeals to help the Chilomoni children. Despite all of their hard work though, we need to ask you all to do more- urgently.

The Tithandizane Nursery housed with the Beehive desperately needs more space and equipment. At the moment 125 children spend each day being cared for in a room no bigger than 60m2. There are 21 children for each carer. They have no inside toilets, washing facilities or toys. The staff are excellent carers and they do more than their best to keep the children safe and happy in these impossible conditions.



Bees eat 35-60kg of

honey per

season

"Tithandizane" means 'helping one another'. The Krizevac Project is aiming to help the nursery in the longterm by building a brand new Children's Centre, but this will not happen quick enough to help the children who are there now, we need your help.

What can you do?

You can donate a one off payment for immediate renovation of the room and to help provide additional outside space $-\pounds10$ would go a long way towards creating a space you would be happy to leave your child in.

You can place a standing order to fund one of the orphan's free places. Tithandizane cares for 15 AIDS orphans free of charge, if we can pay for their care we can help secure their future- just £5 per month pays for full time care.

Unfortunately we are not able to accept donated toys or children's equipment from the public, however, if you are working in UK Children's Centre or pre-school setting and feel you are able to help by providing childcare equipment, please contact us as soon as you possibly can. Phone George Furnival (Krizevac Project UK Coordinator) on 07525540155 (mobile).

Building The Future

The face of Chilomoni is changing with a dramatic new building developments thanks to the Krizevac Project. As well as the continued work at St James Primary school, the Beehive is expanding with a new technical training facility being built alongside small enterprise units, a restaurant and children's centre... and capable, enthusiastic volunteers from the UK are queuing up to support the transformation of Chilomoni Township, to be accommodated in beautiful new chalets in the wooded foothills of Mount Michiru.

Alex Store, Construction Coordinator is a tireless example to all at the Beehive. "As well as prioritizing speed of construction, we always ensure two other factors in our building – everything must be good value" says Alex "and that means using local labour wherever we can, but we're working hard to make our development environmentally friendly as well!" The project is eagerly awaiting a new block-making machine which will revolutionise the construction process. Using subsoil and 5% cement, stackable blocks will remove the need for mortar. reduce labour and, importantly, eliminate the need to use scarce firewood to burn bricks.

Adult Literacy Training

Weekly adult literacy classes are well under way in the Beehive hall, thanks to desks donated from the UK. A huge proportion of adults in Malawi are unable to read or write, for those attending the literacy classes, it's their first taste of a lifelong education!

> 48% of children in Malawi are chronically malnourished

Hungry Work!

Everyone working at Beehive, whether they are trainee, paid staff member or volunteer is entitled to a healthy, filling lunch for just 13pence. It costs Beehive 50pence per portion to make, but we know that for some, this will be the main meal of their day. Sitting together to eat in the refectory also helps to create the buzzing community of activity that Beehive hopes to sustain. Workers happily tuck into traditional Malawian portions of nsima (a solid maize porridge), vegetables and either meat or local chambo (fish from a local fish farm co-operative).

42% of the population are illiterate

Future football pitch at St James Primary

Bees are responsible for the taste of one in three bites of food you take

Chimembe - Rural Village Development



The self-help initiative of these industrious villagers will also ensure the local grass-roofed church is rebuilt. "I've been really inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of the people of Chimembe" George told us, "I'm looking forward to working to help fulfill the growing vision of community transformation in the Krizevac Project."

Volunteer for Krizevac and see the difference you make....

Our volunteers houses (pictured) are now nearly finished and we are really excited to be welcoming the first flood of volunteers from the UK to Krizevac Project in Malawi. Could you help us too? We are currently looking for builders and associated trades. We would also like to find trainers for our enterprises- if you can lead and inspire we want to hear from you! Please phone 0845 003 6004 for more information.



7% of the population

have

electricity

Thank You

We would like to extend warm and grateful thanks to everyone who has helped us over the past few months; we could not achieve anything without you. There are too many supporters for us to mention you all by name, but for recent help and donations a special thank you to....

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> four children die before the age of five

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