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## NEWSLETTER Q1-18

Friends of Stichting Beter Malawi,

The first quarter of 2018 is already gone, so it's time to give you the latest news of Stichting Beter Malawi.

### Namilongo Primary School

For Namilongo Primary School there is a desire for the construction of new classrooms. At the moment the school provides education for about 1,800 students, who now share 11 classrooms. You can imagine that the classrooms are certainly well used in terms of space. A large number of pupils are follow the lessons outside the school, as a result of which there is a school dropout during the rainy season (4 months per year from December).



Because (good) education for youth in Malawi is one of our goals, we have decided to work hard for extra classrooms for Namilongo Primary School. After an extensive plan with building plans and a financial budget, we have contacted sponsors to realize the 2 new classrooms. For Dutch standards, it is a large amount of money that we need. We currently collected more than 2 / 3rd of the budgeted

amount. This, among other things, thanks to Stichting Wilde Ganzen; we are very happy with their financial contribution. We also wrote funds, posted a message on our website and posted a message on Facebook. We have placed articles in local door-to-door magazines, but for the time being we have not yet received the full amount that we need. We are currently looking for 4,000 people who want to donate € 1.00 (a bigger amount is always allowed, of course). So if you literally want to contribute to the construction of the 2 new classrooms of Namilongo Primary School, then transfer your donation to NL98 RABO 0139 4964 16. Beter Malawi Foundation, o.v.v. Namilongo.

If you have suggestions for other ways of recruitment, then they are also welcome!

### International School Eindhoven (ISE)

The management of Namilongo Primary School (see above) would like to contribute to a project to improve the English language. In addition to agriculture, education is now one of our goals and therefore there has been contact with the International School Eindhoven (ISE). They offer international teaching programs for children aged 3-18 years. It is nice to have a look in the kitchen and see if there are methods which we can introduce to the Malawians. This is to give the students of Namilongo Primary school a quality impulse in the English language. Below some pictures of the teaching method used on the ISE.



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### Schoolfees

Kim started to look for sponsors for secondary school students in Zomba ('our' area) in Malawi. At this moment 2 additional sponsors have registered and these sponsors are now linked to students in Malawi. They can stay at school or go to school again, because their school fees are now paid for them.

### Erik goes to Malawi

Last year in April Dick visited Malawi in name of Stichting Beter Malawi. We intend to visit 'our' area in Malawi, Zomba, once a year. On Thursday, April 12, Erik left for Malawi to meet again with our 'old' famous Malawians and all projects and to discuss how we can support the Malawians in the future. There are already beautiful things that Erik can take to Zomba, or we can announce that we will send them:

- From the Read to Grow Foundation (tip from ISE, see above), we have received 300 English-language childrens reading books for Namadidi and Namilongo Primary School;
- Marije and Eric-Jan Bakers have donated smartphones and laptops;
- Sandra de Koning gave a wheelchair.

All too much of course but thank you very much!

Erik can show his face in Malawi. Dick and Manon are already looking forward to his extensive travel report ;-)



The first part of English-language childrens reading books.



The Malawians will enjoy these laptops and smartphones.



This wheelchair will make a person's life a lot more comfortable.

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