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Friends of Stichting Beter Malawi,

Hopefully everyone has had a nice new year. A new year offers new opportunities, which is why we look forward to it. We, but certainly also the Malawians, are curious what the year 2019 Foundation Beter Malawi will offer. Usually you have to take the initiative yourself, but surprisingly, things sometimes just come around.

In this newsletter first a look back to the last quarter of 2018. Meanwhile the rainy season started again in Malawi. A time in which social life is at a lower level and sometimes children do not even go to school because no class can be taught outside the classrooms.

### Classrooms for Namilongo primary school

It was exciting whether the new classrooms would be ready in time for the rainy season and unfortunately it did not work out. We do have pictures of the progress of the construction and you can see that it is already getting better. We are very happy that we can realize this beautiful project with help from Stichting Wilde Ganzen and also your donations. Just look at the result so far;



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### Leading Farmer Project (LFP)

As the method of LFP prescribes, the farmers started preparing the land for the rainy season. The rainy season consists roughly of 2 parts, and it is intended that during the short interim drought, the corn is sown. During the second part of the rainy season the seeds can germinate, and the young maize plants will grow.

32 farmers will participate this year. The group is divided into subgroups and each subgroup has an expert. Every two weeks there is consultation in the subgroups, under the guidance of the experts. Through Stichting Beter Malawi they have received laminated manuals (which are strong) with the method of arable farming of the LFP. During the consultations the manual will be used and it will be discussed how the approach can be improved in order to be able to harvest more maize.

We are very pleased that pupils from Namilongo Primary School (see photo) have become enthusiastic about this new way of farming. If they pick it up properly, it gives extra hope for the future.



### Lewis Gama

It is difficult to monitor certain issues from the Netherlands that take place in Malawi. That's why it's nice that there is someone who picks up the support for us locally and has an important role in local communication.

Lewis introduces himself:

I am Lewis Gama, leader of the Mawa project. Since 1994 I have been working as a volunteer in the Mawa community. My work consists of finding help for people in the Mawa community, such as orphans, the sick, the elderly and the disabled. I am glad that with the help of the Beter Malawi Foundation we are also helping school children pay their school fees, build extra classrooms and use laptops. The farmers of the LFP also notice the influence of the Foundation better Malawi through better harvests. I love my job and I want to see people with problems being helped. I am glad that with help from the Netherlands, we can improve the lives of people in the Mawa community.

Take a look at the next page for a photo of Lewis and his family.

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Lewis with his wife Linnes.

Their children also wanted to be in the picture.  
From left to right Reuben, Daniel, Noel, Rachael and Laura.

### **Bert**

Unfortunately, Bert has informed us that due to circumstances he feels compelled to make choices that he devotes his time to. The result is that he has decided not to be a part of Stichting Beter Malawi anymore. We regret that. Bert, thank you for your enthusiasm and keen eye and good luck for the future.

The Better Malawi Team  
Erik, Dick en Manon