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Friends of Stichting Beter Malawi,

Malawi and Zomba right now

It is currently warm in Malawi, about 28 degrees. In addition, the humidity is currently 86%. If you consult Google on humidity, you will find that the ideal humidity is roughly between 40 and 60%.

Malawi has to do with the tail of the rainy season and certainly this time the rainy season has had a big impact. Cyclone Idai has stopped by and caused flooding and chaos in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Of the 3 countries, Malawi has the least fatalities, but the impact is big. Luckily, 'our' area, Zomba, is a little higher and the residents there have not been bothered by the floods. However, houses have collapsed due to heavy rainfall. You have to imagine that the Malawians did their best to build houses, but they were not built with the same materials as most of our houses. The bricks are made from dried mud without any addition. And mud was used again for the bonding layer during stacking. You can imagine how vulnerable such a structure is during heavy rainfall.

Classrooms for Namilongo primary school

Now a completely different message the classrooms are finished! We are very proud, and the Malawians too. Thanks to you (sponsors) and Stichting Wilde Ganzen, we have succeeded working together with the Malawians to build 2 beautiful classrooms.



Below some more pictures of the realization of the classrooms.



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In the meantime, the official opening ceremony has taken place, complete with speeches and ribbon cutting. The classrooms were opened by Mr. John Chikalimba, Member of Parliament for the Zomba-Chingale constituency in the southern region of Malawi. Our local contact person Lewis was present on behalf of the Beter Malawi Foundation. In the photos he is not to be missed in his fluorescent green shirt. Also pay attention to the text on the white bar above the veranda of the new classrooms.



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Schoolfees

It is time for some news about the school fees. In the Netherlands it is very normal that children go to school. In Malawi that's different. School is often too expensive so the children with potential don't go and will miss opportunities. Luckily we can support them. For € 5 per month you can sponsor a child to go to school. We now have 10 sponsors. They received a photo and the schoolresults from the children they support.

We are very happy with our sponsors and of course the children too. They would not be able to go to school if we did not help them. Below you can see a photo and the report from: Meria Robert.



NAMADIDI COMMUNITY DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL						
Private Bag 5, Thondwe						
SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORT						
NAME	MARKS OBTAINED	OUT OF	FORM POSITION	TERM GRADE/POINTS	ENROLMENT REMARKS	POSITION TEACHER'S SIGNATURE
MERIA ROBERT	75	100		B	V-GOOD	
	60	100		C	GOOD	
	70	100		B	V-GOOD	
	62	100		C	GOOD	
	65	100		C	GOOD	
	53	100		C	PASS	
	67	100		B	V-GOOD	
	80	100		A	EXCELLENT	
	62	100		C	GOOD	
	60	100		C	GOOD	
TOTAL (Based on the Best 6 subjects including English)	419	600			PASS	
<small>JCE 0-39 = F (Fail), 40-55 = D (Average), 55-65 = C (Good), 66-75 = B (Very good), 76-100 = A (Excellent) MSCE 0-39 = 9 (Fail), 40-44 = 8 (Pass), 45-50 = 7 (Pass), 53-60 = 6 (Credit), 61-64 = 5 (Credit), 70-75 = 3 (Credit), 76-80 = 2 (Distinction), 81-100 = 1 (Distinction)</small>						
CLASS TEACHER'S REMARKS: <i>has passed</i>						NEXT TERM OPENS ON <i>02/01/19</i>
HEAD TEACHER'S REMARKS:						NEXT TERM FEES: <i>0.00</i>

If you would also like to sponsor a child so that he / she can go to school, send me a message soon. We look forward to a message from you.

Greetings Kim and the children of Beter Malawi.

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Film tip: The boy who harnessed the wind

Malawi. Thirteen-year-old William Kamkwamba is expelled from school when it becomes clear that his parents can no longer afford his studies. He does not, however, give up and dreams of building a windmill so that his village does not suffer from famine. With the help of his father Trywell's bicycle and knowledge from books, he gets to work.

A film about daily life in Malawi and the big difference in knowledge of technology. To be seen on Netflix.

What's coming soon

After a democratic round of voting by the board, it was decided that it will be Dick's turn again this year to travel to Malawi. He is given a shopping list to check things out and find out in Zomba. And of course he personally will have a look at the new classrooms of Namilongo Primary School.

More about his visit in the next newsletter. See you soon!

The Better Malawi Team
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