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Friends of the Beter Malawi Foundation,

Now that the dust has settled after the death of Lewis, it is time to resume the routine of the newsletter as we were used to. We now have a new contact person in Malawi, Joseph, Lewis's brother. It would be nice if we could get to know him more closely when one of the board members of the Beter Malawi Foundation is present in Malawi, but due to circumstances that will take a while. In any case, our joint approach with the projects is that we continue where we left off.

Read on for the latest developments.

Lewis

We gave Lewis a fee for the work that he did on location for the Beter Malawi Foundation. That is because at times he was very busy supervising the projects for us. After the sudden death of Lewis, that income also disappears for his wife Lynnes and her four children. Ultimately, we decided to give Lynnes a part of the fee every month for a year. This so that she is temporarily supported financially and she still has some time to get her life back on track and to take care of compensation for the lost income. Joseph handed the first fee to Lynnes for us.



Corona-update

The effects of Corona still seem to be relatively small in Malawi. With the publication of this newsletter, the figures are as follows: 5,836 registered infections and 181 deaths.

Hopefully the impact of Corona will continue to be better than expected, we keep our fingers crossed.

Classrooms Namajoka Primary School

Due to Corona and the death of our Lewis, this project has been delayed. At the moment we are still busy raising the last sponsor money for the new classrooms. We are trying to encourage companies to invest in our project and we have started a fundraising campaign on a fund site. If you missed the last one and still want to donate, you can do so:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/klaslokalen-voor-namajoka-malawi>



Because the Wilde Ganzen Foundation has promised to also take on part of the sponsorship, International School Eindhoven has come up with a competition. The students were asked to come up with a logo for the Wilde Ganzen Foundation, which has to do with the sponsor project in Malawi, the classrooms. It is not yet known who the winners of this competition will be, but we would like to show you some of the colorful creations. They make us happy!





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School fees

Because of Corona, schools have also been closed for a period in Malawi. They have now started again and started with the last term of the past school year. So they are currently catching up on the missed lessons.

Through Corona and the interim closure of the schools the Malawian government has also decided to change the school system. Previously in Malawi there was the same school system as we know it in Holland. Schools start their school year in the month of August or September and the school year continues until the summer holidays. The change is as follows: after the missed lessons have been made up, a new school year will start in January, which will run until December of that year. The regular holidays will be there in between. The school years and calendar years are therefore the same and that is the same as neighboring countries, such as South Africa

Would you like to sponsor a student at a Secondary School in Malawi from the new school year (January 2021), please send an email to

marleen@betermalawi.nl

Marleen mediates in personal contact, so that you are kept informed of the developments and school results of your sponsor student.

Project 'Books'

After a long journey, the 80 boxes of books for English language teaching have arrived in Malawi. They are temporarily stored, waiting to go to their destination; the libraries of 4 primary schools in Malawi (Zomba region). ISE (International School Eindhoven) is currently working on how we can help the teachers in Malawi to use these books in their lessons. For example, short films have been made demonstrating how to set up a library and how we use the books to support language teaching. More about this in the next newsletter.

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