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## NEWSLETTER Q1-21

Friends of the Beter Malawi Foundation,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your interest in the Better Malawi Foundation and the Malawian population. That can also be said. In this newsletter again some successes that would not have been possible without you.

After Lewis passed away, we were upset for a while. No matter how many times we had talked about a second man next to Lewis, just in case....we didn't make it in time. When Lewis dropped out, Mawa soon suggested a new contact, Joseph, Lewis' brother. In this newsletter he introduces himself to you.

### Joseph



I am Joseph Mariko Gama from the Mawa project. I am married and have 2 daughters aged 32 and 27 and 2 grandsons aged 13 and 11. I am a project leader for the Mawa community and contact person for Beter Malawi. Mawa is committed to orphans, the elderly and the disabled. At the Leading Farmer Project, we teach farmers a method of cultivation that allows them to harvest more. We also teach the Malawians in our community how to avoid getting infected with HIV. Before I became a contact person for Beter Malawi, I had various jobs as an employee, after which I started working at home as a farmer. I now grow various crops myself, such as tomato, maize and tobacco.

### Classrooms Namajoka Primary School

Very good news for the children in Malawi! Last quarter we sat down with Bouwbedrijf aan de Stegge Twello. They are specialized in the construction of commercial buildings and parking garages. They have made a one-time donation for the project "Classrooms for Namajoka". With this nice donation we are very close to closing the financial picture and the construction of these 2 new classrooms for Primary School Namajoka can start quickly.

Construction is scheduled to start in the 2nd quarter of 2021, after the rainy season in Malawi has ended. This allows more children to enjoy the lessons that can continue during the next rainy season.

On behalf of the children in Malawi and the Better Malawi Foundation, we are extremely grateful to Aan de Stegge Twello for this!



### Schoolfees

In our previous newsletter, Hastings explained how it works with the students who are looking for a sponsor to pay their school fees. The new school year will start again soon and we initially had more requests than sponsors. To be able to find 14 more sponsors, we have put a call on Instagram and Facebook and we can now process all requests. We are very happy and proud of this development, because even more sponsors have signed up and the counter now stands at 51 students who are sponsored!

A meeting has already taken place with the parents/guardians of these new students in which the expectations in exchange for sponsorship have been expressed.

In our next newsletter we will introduce some new students.

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### Leading Farmer Project (LFP)

This year's crop is looking good. The rainy season was wetter than last year, has now come to an end and the maize plants are in good shape! Some school gardens are less well maintained by Corona. Because the children did not go to school, the weeds between the maize plants were not removed. And weeds take nutrition from the soil that would otherwise go to the corn plants.

The farmers who participate in the LFP have worked hard. Due to the heavy rainfall, it has not been possible to remove the weeds everywhere, but the prospects for the harvest are good. Next quarter the maize will be dried, harvested and weighed. We are curious how the harvest will be compared to previous years.

Within our LFP, a few farmers have now started using compost instead of fertilizer. You still owe us the story of one of the farmers who dared this!

### Project 'Books'

After refurbishing the libraries, Joseph distributed books to the various schools. The schools can use this to expand their library with new books and therefore new learning material for the children. In this way we can give the subject of education in Malawi a push in the right direction.



Joseph hands the books to  
Laura from Nkandha Primary School



Joseph hands the books to Rhoda from  
Namilongo Primary School

The Better Malawi Team  
Erik, Dick, Marleen and Manon

We can now also be found on Instagram!

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