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## Bernadette Tembo

**Age:** 26 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** 2 children

**Religion:** She is a Christian

**Education Level:** Junior Certificate of Education. She only completed form 2 which is the equivalent of 10<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to start her own business; a grocery store.

**Her Struggles:** She suffers from sickness, specifically influenza and malaria.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for her illnesses to go away. Also pray for her family and anyone else infected by her being sick.



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## Rosalina Tegha

**Age:** 56 years old

**Children:** 7 kids.

**Marital Status:** Her husband died of AIDS

**Education level:** Completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Religion:** She is a Christian, goes to church regularly, and occasionally attends bible studies.

**Her Dreams:** She dreams of running her own bakery and wants to go to school for business. She also wants to farm at her home so she can support herself and her family.

**Her Struggles:** She has AIDS<sup>1</sup> and faces many problems. Her business is struggling because she only sells a few cookies. It is rare that she is able to bake them so she turns to knitting to try to make ends meet. Any money she earns goes straight to her children's education expenses. As a result she suffers from food shortage because her husband passed away and she's the only income earner for the family.

**Her Prayer Requests:** that she would be healed from AIDS. She also prays she will have more access to get to know God; the more she knows God, the happier she will be.



<sup>1</sup> In Malawi, many people with AIDS are shunned and mistreated. It is very difficult for someone to be open about their diagnosis because it often means they will be shunned by community members, but things are changing.



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## Ovaline Bota

**Age:** 54 years old.

**Children:** 6 kids. The youngest is 11 and the oldest is 25.

**Marital Status:** Divorced

**Religion:** Christian and goes to church.

**Education level:** She hasn't had any schooling.

**Her Dreams:** She dreams of owning her own business selling fish.

**Her Prayer Requests:** She really wants adult classes because she's never been to school and wants to start learning. She also wants prayer for the many children who are orphans in the community, especially the four that she takes care of. They don't own clothes and don't have food. Many of them don't have access to education.



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## Keriness Kumwenda

**Age:** 56 years old

**Children:** 4 kids

**Education level:** The highest level of education she has reached is Standard 5 which is the equivalent to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Religion:** She is a Christian and she goes to church when she feels well.

**Her Dreams:** She desires to farm but she lacks the energy and strength.

**Her Struggles:** She faces many problems like lack of food, shelter, and the death of her husband. She's the only one able to take care of her kids since her husband passed. She has AIDS and is not well treated in the community<sup>2</sup>.

**Her Prayer Requests:** That she can make some bricks so that she can build her own house. Right now she lives with her kids and doesn't have strength to make bricks. She also wants people to visit her more often so that she can hear the Word of God.



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## Martha Chima

**Age:** 30 years old

**Marital Status:** married with one child

**Education level:** She has completed primary school which in America is the equivalent of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Parents:** Her mother is still alive but her father passed away.

**Her Dreams:** Her dream is to start her own business selling cooking oil, tomatoes, sugar, and soap.

**Her Struggles:** Many things including hunger, not having any money to go to school, the house she lives in is not in good condition and her family doesn't have any clothes.

**Her Prayer Requests:** She wants Pamoza to continue providing food and school supplies for children. She's also interested in night classes for adults.



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## Ms. Tina Honde

**Age:** 45 years old

**Marital Status:** Married with 3 kids. Oldest is 20 and the youngest is 9.

**Education Level:** She has completed primary school (Standard 8) which in America is the equivalent of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to start her own farming business selling maize and groundnuts.

**Her Struggles:** She has had a pain in her leg for almost a month. She also has no money to start her business. She also suffers from shortage of food.

**Her Prayer Requests:** She wants help with her leg and with the lack of food in her household.





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## Esnat Muhthali

**Age:** 39 years old

**Marital Status:** husband has passed away

**Children:** 4 kids; 13 years is the oldest and 5 years is the youngest

**Education Level:** She has completed primary school (Standard 8) which is the equivalent to 8<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Religion:** Christianity

**Her Dreams:** She wants to own her own home and be lead where ever God leads her.

**Her Struggles:** Her main problem is lack of food because her husband has passed away. The result of the death of their father has caused her children to look like orphans.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Another shop near the other side of the village and another water hole would be helpful because there's only one of each in the whole village. She would also like adult schooling specifically because she doesn't know if she's getting correct change when buying items.



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## Irene Gondwa

**Age:** 24 years old

**Marital Status:** She is married with 1 child and is also expecting another.

**Education Level:** She completed up to Standard 7 which is the equivalent to 7<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Religion:** Christianity

**Her Dreams:** She wanted to be a teacher but unfortunately didn't finish school.

**Her Struggles:** Lack of food

**Her Prayer Requests:** Please pray for more school buildings and doctors.





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## Eflina Ndlovu

**Age:** 60 years old

**Marital Status:**

**Children:** She has 4 children. The oldest is 30 and the youngest is 17.

**Education Level:** She completed up to Standard 3 which is the equivalent to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in America. She said she didn't finish because she was sick so often.

**Religion:** Christianity

**Her Dreams:** She wants to own her own farming business.

**Her Struggles:** Lack of Support in the areas of money and her children suffer from many mental issues.

**Her Prayer Requests:** She wants older women to study business so that they can support themselves.



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## Wongani Chiwaka

**Age:** 29 years old

**Marital Status:** married; husband works in South Africa

**Children:** 2 kids, Onika and Steven

**Education Level:** Malawian School Certificate of Education which is the equivalent of a high school degree in America

**Religion:** She is a Christian and leads Bible study every week.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to go to school to become a teacher and wants to own her own business. She also wants to live with her husband so her kids can be happy. Her husband, who currently works in South Africa, visits every other year.

**Her Struggles:** She has many which include a shortage of food, lack of money for her business, she wants her kids to have a better future. The water hole is also far away from where they live so it is a struggle to get water.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for her family to have a good future and stay together. She would also like a car, her own business and for the Lord to grow her spiritually.





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## Rizzie Nyirenda

**Age:** 25 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** She has 5 kids. The oldest is 11 and the youngest is 8 months.

**Education Level:** She completed up to Standard 7 which is the equivalent to 7<sup>th</sup> grade in America. She says she just stopped to get married.

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to start a business. She wants to go to school and open a shop selling soap and cooking oil.

**Her Struggles:** She suffers from shortage of food, lack of money, and her children don't have any clothes.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Please pray about poverty in the communities.



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## Fani Khonje

**Age:** 29 years old

**Marital Status:** Married; husband works in South Africa.

**Children:** She has 3 boys. The oldest is 11 and the youngest is 1.

**Religion:** She is a Christian and she leads fellowships every week.

**Education Level:** General Certificate of Education which is the equivalent to a high school degree in America.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to live with her husband for the rest of their lives. She wants her kids to go further in education than she did. "I want to grow big in business!"

**Her Struggles:** Where she lives is difficult. She lives far from the water hole and it's very hard work to get food.

**Her Prayer Requests:** She wants people to believe in God. "For them to change their lives in the spiritual."





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## Gloria Chaula

**Age:** 72 years old

**Marital Status:** Her husband passed away.

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education Level:** She has completed up to Standard 5 which is the equivalent to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to start a farming business selling soybeans, peanuts and maize.

**Her Struggles:** She wants to educate herself but can't because her husband isn't alive.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for people to come help them.



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## Tiyane Luhanga

**Age:** 65 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** She has 8 kids. The oldest is 42 and the youngest is 20.

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education Level:** She has completed up to Standard 5 which is the equivalent to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to start a farming business so that she can have food for the whole year.

**Her Struggles:** She struggles with sickness, specifically malaria.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for the family to find money to start a farming business so that they can provide for the kids.





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## Tionge Mtonga

**Age:** 20 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** 3 children. The oldest is 8 years old and the youngest is a year old

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education level:** She's completed up to Standard 4 which is the equivalent to 4<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to own a shop selling sugar and soap to the community.

**Her Struggles:** She doesn't have any money and her husband has a mental disorder so he can't support the family.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for help. Pray for her problems to disappear. Also pray for the Lord to deliver her husband from his mental disorder and for more money to come into the household.



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## Witness Botha

**Age:** 72 years old

**Marital Status:** Married; husband is still alive

**Children:** 2 children; a boy and a girl

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education level:** Not one day of school

**Her Dreams:** She wants to have money so she can maintain the house and feed her family.

**Her Struggles:** She has many struggles but the biggest problem and concern is for the children's grandfather who fell down and was rushed to Mzuzu Hospital (a rural hospital). He injured his hip and has yet to be released from the hospital. It's now been almost 8 months since the incident.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for the grandfather to get better and for them all to have good health. Also pray for financial security for the family to make it until the next harvest.





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## Mines Tchongwe

**Age:** 25 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** 2 children. The oldest is 7 years old and the youngest is 18 months old.

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education level:** She's completed up to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She's an orphan so she didn't have support to finish school.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to buy some furniture for her house and have food. She also wants her own business. "This home must show that someone is working!"

**Her Struggles:** She doesn't have any help. Her husband is in South Africa working but he's not sending money. She also just went to the hospital and found out that she's malnourished. She is also struggling to find soap.

**Her Prayer Requests:** She wants prayer for her husband to start supporting her and for care for her children. Also pray for the care of her household and for her health.



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## Gladys Mbuluma

**Age:** 42 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** 6 kids; 3 boys and 3 girls

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education Status:** Junior Certificate of Education. She only completed Form 2 which is the equivalent of 10<sup>th</sup> grade in America. She didn't finish because of lack of school fees.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to farm and look after her kids.

**Her Struggles:** She has many struggles but the biggest problem is lack of support. Her husband has been working down in South Africa for eight years and has never sent money nor contacted her since he left.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for her husband to come home and do something. He's never been home since he left South Africa. Also pray for her children and for their education to continue and for financial assistance to make it to the next harvest.





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## Rose Kaluwa

**Age:** 50 years old

**Marital Status:** Married but husband passed away

**Children:** 4 children; 2 boys and 2 girls

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education level:** She has only completed up to Standard 5 which is the equivalent to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Her Dreams:** She wants to find fertilizer to start a farm at home. She wants to grow more food.

**Her Struggles:** She has taken in 9 orphan kids and she's alone. She needs money to care for them.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for her to find proper help for the kids. Also pray that she has enough food and money to live comfortably.



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## Lucia Moyo

**Age:** 43 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** She has 7 kids; 2 girls and 5 boys.

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education Level:** She has completed up to Standard 5 which is the equivalent to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in America. She didn't finish because she was lazy and stopped going to school.

**Her Dreams:** She dreams of starting her own business selling soap, sugar, salt, and biscuits.

**Her Struggles:** She struggles with hunger, lack of fertilizer, lack of clothing, and lack of capital to start her business.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray against poverty. Also pray that she has enough food and enough money to make it until the next harvest.





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## Esnat Mhone

**Age:** 41 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** She has 6 kids; 1 boy and 5 girls

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education Level:** She has completed up to Standard 7 which is the equivalent to 7<sup>th</sup> grade in America.

**Her Dreams:** She dreams of owning her own business and having her own sewing machine so she can make clothes and sell them.

**Her Struggles:** She suffers from hunger and lack of fertilizer to grow her plants. She does not have enough food at home.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for her so poverty can be removed from her life. Also pray for support for her children in school.



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## Jennifer Tembo

**Age:** 59 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** 6 kids; 2 boys and 4 girls

**Education Level:** Not one day of school

**Religion:** She is a Christian

**Her Dreams:** She dreams of helping her children at home.

**Her Struggles:** Hunger is a big problem and lack of fertilizer. She's also taken in several children. She doesn't know where their parents are, they just disappeared one day.

**Her Story:** I have been drinking for as long as I can remember. I usually do it with my husband. I don't drink very often, maybe two or three times a week. My kids don't think anything of it they just know it's something that mom and dad like to do together. I can't stop drinking because I've done it so long and it helps relieve the stress that I've been experiencing lately. I would definitely need a lot of prayer if I were to ever to try to stop drinking.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for her and her husband to stop drinking, for the children she cares for, and for health and support for the family so they won't suffer from hunger.





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## Esther Ndhlovu

**Age:** 21 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Religion:** She is a Christian.

**Education Level:** Junior Certificate of Education; Form 4 which is the equivalent to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. She did not receive a certificate because she failed the final exam.

**Her Dreams:** She dreams of owning a business cooking mandazi (Malawian donuts) and selling fish.

**Her Struggles:** She had a C-section and she's struggling with the wound. The baby unfortunately died at birth.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray that her dreams would come true. Also pray for her health after the C-section and the grief that comes with losing a child.



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## Precious Jere

**Age:** 25 years old

**Marital Status:** Married

**Children:** 1 boy

**Religion:** She is a Christian

**Education Level:** Junior Certificate of Education; Form 4 which is the equivalent to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in America. She did not receive a certificate because she failed two subjects: math and physical science.

**Her Dreams:** She dreams of continuing her education in order to get a job to provide for her son. She wants to become a nurse.

**Her Struggles:** She's married but her husband is not working. He only has an occasional side job because he's still in school. She's struggling to find money to support the child.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Please pray for her marriage. She doesn't want them to fight or worse, separate. Please also pray for her to continue school to become a nurse.





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## Tiwinechi Kaira

**Age:** 13 years old

**Marital Status:** Unmarried

**Children:** 1 child, a boy

**Religion:** She is a Christian

**Education Level:** She only completed up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She couldn't afford school uniforms.

**Her Dreams:** To own her own business selling fish.

**Her Struggles:** Whenever she sits and stands she pees and she's not sure why.

### Her Story:

I was twelve when I got pregnant. My parents died when I was really young so I was raised by my grandmother. I had no idea that you could get pregnant if you had sex. No one had ever told me anything. Now that I'm a single mother, I'm having a tough time taking care of my son because there's no support. People don't treat me well here in the village. Many call me terrible names. There's no hope for the father coming into the child's life and I'm worried that like me, my son will not finish school.

**Her Prayer Requests:** Pray for people to help her care for her son. Also pray for her health and money to be able to go to the hospital for her condition. Also pray for her son that he will have a great future.

