

Pamoza News

Fall 2020

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go pamoza." www.pamoza.org

Land is an amazing asset in our communities. Most families have access to an average of five acres but only farm two because they lack the resources to cultivate all their land. Chief Chilongozi, as a group village headman with authority over the land in his area, allocated 40 acres to Pamoza for our Farming Institute, a demonstration plot where local farmers can learn sustainable agricultural practices. Chief Chilongozi has turned out to be one of our best students at the Institute. He shared, ***"I constantly go to the Farming Institute and learn what they do. I practice every skill I learn and I have mastered all of the agricultural techniques I have learned from Pamoza. I am very thankful to God and Pamoza for this support."***



Chilongozi and his wife

Save the Date



LIVE FROM MALAWI!

FRIDAY, DEC. 4, 2020

Join us for this virtual event

Did You Know?

Some employers match your charitable donation. Does yours? Ask your HR department today.

New Bridge for Zowe



Earlier this year, heavy rains destroyed the main road and bridge into Zowe, where our field office is headquartered. Thanks to a generous donation from Springton Lake Presbyterian Church (SLPC)

we will now be able to repair the bridge before the next rainy season. Our sincerest gratitude to all SLPC members.

Countdown to Christmas

Are you ready for Christmas? We are! 2020 has been quite a year but we want to finish strong as we count down to Christmas. Each week, we're highlighting a different way you can have an impact on the lives of the families we serve in Malawi. Check out our 12 gifts of impact at www.pamoza.org/12-weeks-of-Christmas. We



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have already unveiled five weeks of Christmas, five gifts of impact. Don't miss weeks 6 - 12. **Any donation during our countdown to Christmas will now be matched dollar for dollar!**

Behind the Scenes

Meet Fanny Nkhonje, our Bookkeeper in Malawi. We are blessed to have Fanny on our staff, but we knew her long before she started working for us. *"I became a born-again Christian through Pamoza. The Word of God was preached in my village and I was moved. I surrendered my life to Christ."* Find out how Fanny went from being a beneficiary to a Bible study leader to a Pamoza employee. Visit www.pamoza.org/behind-the-scenes.



Health Care

COVID cases have risen in Malawi but we are thankful that our communities in the rural areas have not been hit as hard. Miraculously, there have been only a handful of confirmed cases in our area, and the people who tested positive all recovered. We believe our COVID prevention campaign helped mitigate the spread of COVID in rural Malawi, but we still have some work to do to help people practice new habits like hand washing and social distancing.



Education

Schools in Malawi reopened October 12th. But even when they were closed, we were working hard to sustain our school breakfast



program. Over the past few months, we supported our four main school partners (Zowe, Kahelere, Mchingasanya, and Mseza) to make sure their school farms produce enough maize to sustain the breakfast program. Providing nourishing breakfast for students has significantly increased attendance and reduced drop-out rates in our communities.

Christian Outreach

People in rural Malawi have a hunger for God. Whether young or old, male or female, poor or poorer, we have witnessed so many people giving their lives to Christ. They are reading the Bibles we distributed, joining prayer meetings, attending our Bible study groups, and participating in the weekly Christian outreach activities we offer. As a result, we are touching the lives of more than 13,000 people in rural Malawi through Christian outreach.



Agriculture



We are trying so many new things at our Pamoza Farming Institute: water conservation, growing diverse crops, and different planting methods. Our goal is to help local farmers

increase their harvest. The tomatoes pictured above were grown at our Farming Institute. Very few farmers in our communities grow tomatoes even though they are a good cash crop. We are now inspiring more farmers to grow tomatoes and other crops!

Economic Empowerment

In rural Malawi, agriculture goes hand in hand with economic empowerment. Nearly 100% of the people we serve are subsistence



farmers which means they live off of what they grow but usually cannot grow enough to sell. One of our strategies is to create market places so that as our local farmers are able to increase their yield, they can sell their produce near their homes instead of having to travel six miles to the next nearest market place in Euthini.

*Together transforming
the lives of children and
families in Malawi*

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