

Pamoza News

Fall 2019

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

At Pamoza, we are passionate about building the capacity of those we serve so that they can meet their own needs. Mania (pronounced ma-ni-ya) received seed and agricultural training from us so she could make money for her family and cover school fees. She sold \$250 worth of the beans she grew! That's more than most of her friends make in a year!

"I thank God that, through Pamoza, I have gained a lot of knowledge in farming. My financial status has improved. **I paid school fees for my child with my own money. I also bought 2 bags of cement to repair my house, and I have enough money to support my family.** I have even already bought one bag of fertilizer for the next growing season!" - Mania



Shop with us! Meaningful Gift Market

Sat. Dec. 7, 2019
2 - 6 pm
Storehouse Church
Plymouth Meeting, PA

Did You Know?

The average
income in Malawi is
only **\$360 per year.**

MISSIONS TRIP 2020



Our application
deadline for the 2020
mission trip is Dec.
31, 2019. Come work
alongside those we
serve. *Apply now.*

June 18 - July 1, 2020
www.pamoza.org/missions-trip

5K Success

On October 6th, 25 friends of Pamoza ran and walked in our annual Pamoza 5K. Each person trained for the event and raised money to support our cause. We are so grateful to everyone who participated and to those



who donated to support Pamoza's efforts. **With your help, we were able to raise more than \$17,000** from the 5K. What a great community we have! Want to see more pictures from the 5K? Go to www.pamoza.org/5k or visit our Facebook page.

Behind the Scenes

Behind every great organization are great employees. Damaseko Nyirongo is one of those. He joined Pamoza in 2014 and has been working hard to improve the lives of people in rural Malawi since then. In his role as Programs Manager, Damaseko has helped us grow from a staff of 3 to 23 and from serving 4 communities to 20. Learn more about Damaseko and his work with Pamoza at: www.pamoza.org/behind-the-scenes.



Christian Outreach

In order to reach more people with the Gospel, we must invest in the leaders of tomorrow. That's why Pamoza started youth clubs for young adults to develop a stronger relationship with God, with each other, and with their communities. We have **134 youth** participating across 5 youth clubs. This fall, we took 12 of these youth on a one-week retreat led by our Christian outreach staff and volunteers. The retreat covered the importance of having God in their lives, managing relationships and peer pressure, how to develop their communities, and how to lead.



Agriculture



There are only two seasons in Malawi: the dry season from May - October and the wet season from November - April.

All farmers depend on rain during the wet season; however, there is insufficient access to water during the dry season and that makes it difficult to grow food. At Pamoza's Farming Institute, we demonstrate how to successfully grow food during the dry season through flood irrigation (like the water canal, pictured above, which we dug at the Farming Institute). Training farmers on techniques for rain-fed agriculture *and* dry-season farming has helped us increase food security in the communities where we work.

Economic Empowerment

Did you know that according to the UN, women invest 90% of their income back into their families, compared to 35% rate from men?



In the communities Pamoza serves, we see women committed to safeguarding and growing their families' resources. In fact, among the nearly 900 people participating in our village savings and loans groups, 90% of them are women. What a force for impact!

Education



The new school year is in full swing and we were so excited to see some of the students at Zowe Primary School wearing brand **new school uniforms tailored at our Zowe Skills Center**, an initiative that grew out of a desire to

teach skills like tailoring to community members so they can meet their own needs. Our goal is to identify members in the community who would like to learn skills such as carpentry, brick laying, tailoring, and cooking so that they can generate income for their families and also meet their own needs.



We continued our weekly clinics in Zowe and always have a packed room with people waiting to be seen. Often people come from more than 3 miles because there is always medicine at our clinic. **We have now started searching for a Malawian health professional** who can live in the community and provide consistent care.

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



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