

# *Quarterly Newsletter:* *July - September 2011 Quarter*



## **Christian Outreach**

We highlight a few of the Christian outreach activities undertaken during July—September.

### **Weekly Bible Studies:**

These continued in 8 of the 24 villages in Zowe and Kahelere. Each Bible Study is attended by 8 to 15 people. Also, three training events were held for Bible Study Leaders.

### **Prayer Fellowships:**

There were three fellowship groups with a combined total of 34 members. These groups are involved in weekly

prayer meetings. The three fellowships were involved in six joint nights of prayer. Further, the Fellowships jointly



organized Christian Outreach (door to door) evangelistic visits in Kahelere and reached out to 43 families like the one pictured here.

### **Family Ministry:**

This started very well during 2010 initially involving five families. The families (husband and wife) met regularly to talk about loving each other, raising children, use of family resources, and how to relate to others from a Biblical perspective. Three of the husbands went to seek work in South Africa, one family transferred away. The remaining family is looking for other families to start afresh.

## **Health Activities**

### **Health Clinic:**

Malawi's Ministry of Health allows the Health Surveillance Assistant to treat under-five children only. During the quarter, he treated 207 children mostly for malaria, diarrhea, and upper-respiratory infections. The Medical Assistant ,

who mans the Euthini Rural Hospital eight miles away, visited the Zowe Health Clinic once a week and each time treated between 30 and 57 patients (adults and children) for malaria, eye problems, and upper respiratory infections. The impact of the Clinic has been tremendous.

Also in June 2011, a team from Temple University Hospital, led by Dr. Alvin



Dr. Alvin Wang treating a patient.

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*Education remains a main factor in development. We are encouraging children to attend school. In doing so, we are developing future human capital. Since we started in 2005, enrollment has improved by over 40%.*

## Educational Services

### School Breakfasts:

We provided breakfast to 530 children at Zowe Primary School, 220 children at Kahelere Primary School, and 430 children at Mchingasanya Primary School. We also provided breakfast to about 120 pre-school children.



### School Farms:

Each of the three schools has a farm that produces corn and soybeans to be used in the school's breakfast program. Surplus produce is sold and the income is re-invested into the community.

### Tuition Support:

We have continued providing tuition assistance to students selected for high school. During the quarter, we supporting

four students.

**Kahelere School Block:** During summer, we received a donation from Voluntary International Development Assistance (VIDA) to construct a school block at Kahelere



Primary School. The block should be ready soon.

## Entrepreneurship

We have continued operating three main entrepreneurial ventures:

### Food Processing Unit:

This is diesel-operated and the engines are huge. Controlling the cost of diesel has been impossible. Hence, we have made losses. Plans are to sell these big engines and buy smaller ones that would be more cost-effective.

### Grocery Shop for Zowe:

The grocery store provides much needed gro-



ceries to community members while generating some profit. There are plans for Grocery Shops in Kahelere and Mchingasanya.

### Donut-Making in Zowe:

A number of women have been making donuts and selling them through the Grocery Shop. The activity did not go very well in the quarter because one woman who was the key leader was too busy with family issues. We are re-organizing the leadership to start afresh probably in summer of 2012.

*Entrepreneurship initiatives provide the needed goods and services in the communities while generating funds that are reinvested into the communities.*

## FROM THE FRONTLINE

### Thank YOU:

People in Malawi thank you very much for your support. Please continue assisting them in their endeavors to improve their lives. You are having wonderful impact.



### A Word from the Coordinator - MacDonald Mughogho:

We involve the communities through committees. Each initiative or project has a committee that plans, budgets, and implements the plans. Each community has a Steering Committee that pulls together all the plans and budgets from the smaller committees. The Steer-



ing Committees informs the Council of Village Headmen and Group Village Headmen about Pamoza International activities.

Working with the people and seeing change in the way they think about issues has been a very rewarding experience. I have noticed that community members increasingly realize that development demands their creative and innovative involvement in improving their lives. We praise God for this change in the people's mindset.

## Health Activities

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Wang, went to Zowe. They carried with them donated medical supplies and medicine. Over the course of two days, they treated over 300 patients and left donated medical supplies for use by the clinic.

During the summer of 2012, another medical team will be going to run a week-long free

clinic in Zowe. Our plan is to have medical teams visit the community annually.

### Ungweru CBO:

Pamoza facilitated the creation of Ungweru Community Based Organization (CBO) whose objective is to help orphans, vulnerable children, and people living with AIDS (PLWAs). The CBO operates under the authority of the Local Government As-

sembly. The organization recently received ten goats for



use by the PLWAs. As the goats multiply, they will be shared among the PLWA families and families caring for orphans.

*The Health Clinic and primary health care services have helped to reduce the spread of disease, especially for children under the age of five.*

*Together we can build a better world.*

**Looking to the Future**

Remember to pray for the work. We have plans to (a) start a Micro-Savings and Micro-Credit Trust that provides loan and credit services to community members and (b) continue expanding contiguously to other communities. We also plan to raise funds for training and professional development of the Co-ordinator and Book-keeper.

Please put these activities on your prayer list.

**Supporting Pamoza International**

We invite you to invest in Malawi communities. Consider doing one or more of the following:

- Pray for the work and the people.
- Help us raise funds for the work. Donations are welcome.
- Sponsor a family at \$30 a month.
- Share information about the organization with relatives

and friends; encourage them to support the organization.

- Help us connect with your church, school, or organization for their prayer and financial support but also to start recycling cartridges and cell phones. This is one way we raise funds.
- Purchase an item from our online gift catalog at our site [www.pamoza.org](http://www.pamoza.org)

- Consider joining short-term trips to Malawi and experience the impact that results from laboring together.



Members of the Temple University Medical Team and of Volunteers for International Development and Aid (VIDA) who visited Zowe, Kahelere, and Mchingasanya in June 2011.

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