

Pamoza News

Winter 2019-2020

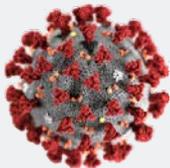
"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go pamoza." www.pamoza.org

It's been a challenging rainy season in Malawi. Starting in November, we supported local farmers to clear land, plant, weed, and make their own fertilizer mix. We were optimistic that we would have a plentiful harvest. Things started out well with good rains, but then the rains kept falling and falling until they started to flood communities, destroying crops, roads, and bridges (like the one on the right). We don't know the full extent of the damage, but we do know that if heavy rains return, crops will rot and people will not harvest enough food. Please pray that Malawi will not experience food shortages.



Mzambazi bridge after heavy rains

COVID 19 UPDATE



As of mid-March 2020, there are no confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Malawi. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our entire global community.

Did You Know?

High school students in our service area walk an average of 5 miles **one way** to get to school.

Hike 4 High School



Bryson Edmonds, a 7th grader at Abington Junior High School is planning a fun run to support high school scholarships for our students in Malawi.

STAY TUNED...

E-mail info@pamoza.org to receive updates

Become a CHIEF Partner

This year, we are going deeper by working with the most poverty-stricken households in our service area and helping them establish stability in **C**haracter, **H**earth, **I**ncome, **E**ducation, and **F**ood. We are starting with 237 families and are looking for CHIEF partners to



support this program with a monthly donation of \$20. Our goal is to provide each member of each CHIEF family with training and resources to address all five areas in their lives. To support, please visit pamoza.org/chief-initiative

2020 Missions Team



Thirteen Pamoza supporters have been preparing for a summer missions trip to Malawi to work alongside community members at the medical clinics, in the school breakfast program, and in harvesting crops. International travel restrictions are causing us to need to be flexible with our plans.

Christian Outreach



This winter, our Community Development Workers met with 237 CHIEF families to understand their spiritual needs and share the Gospel. In addition, we have 65 active village Bible study groups and we hold monthly fellowship meetings, weekly Bible lessons for students, and prayer meetings. Our staff and volunteers also minister to patients at local health clinics.



Health Care

Yay! We now have a full-time nurse in the community! Our original intent was to recruit a volunteer nurse, but hiring one as a Pamoza employee proved to be more dependable. Please join us in welcoming Moress, our nurse! It's been extremely busy for her so far. *"Being a nurse in the rural area is about sacrifice. You are on duty 24/7 but I like the team spirit at Pamoza."* We're grateful to have a nurse on Team Pamoza!



Education



We have been on a mission to promote girls' education and end early marriages. This winter, we turned up the heat, holding rallies and assemblies, encouraging village leaders not to endorse early marriages,

training female students on how to be advocates for their own education, and supporting students with scholarships to attend high school, which is not free in Malawi. We call this our Girl Rising campaign, and it has really taken off. The best part is that we have much support from local chiefs and village leaders.

Agriculture



We continued to teach and demonstrate sustainable farming techniques, including how to make fertilizer mix from local materials and use it to enrich

the soil. We opened an additional 20 acres at Pamoza's Farming Institute and planted corn and beans. Recent heavy rains have affected crops at our farm and also at the community farms which provide maize for our School Breakfast Program. We anticipate community members will experience food shortages when they harvest in June.

Economic Empowerment

We are continuing to see much success with our village banks. Jacob (on the right) worked with his fellow village bank members to purchase two pigs and some chickens together. This will give the group access



to some income and improved food security. Though our village banks are doing very well, our community store and grinding mill businesses have experienced lower profits than we hoped. We're looking for ways to improve our approach so the businesses are profitable.

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



www.pamoza.org (267) 422-2837

P.O. Box 23804 Philadelphia, PA 19143