

Safe Water for Zuwayumo

Latest News
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Malawi Food Crisis - "Worst drought in a decade"

It has been reported in the national press during November/December 2016, that 6.5 million people in Malawi are going hungry, more than the total population of Scotland. Drought and erratic rainfall have resulted in failed harvest. Maize, the staple food has run out and is now too expensive to buy.

In August one of our team, Father Nazarius Mgungwe had been to visit his relatives in a village near to Zuwayumo and reported on the shortage of food. He was shocked to see two young girls sifting broken pieces of maize from husks and collecting a plateful for their only meal for that day.

We asked two of our contacts, Rev William Tembo and his wife Weizi, who are based in Mzuzu, to visit the wide area of Zuwayumo to see what the conditions were like and identify those that needed help.

They reported that whilst some villagers had not been as badly affected as some, but there were many families who were without maize and couldn't afford to buy food.

William and Weizi organised the purchase of maize from the local market and a lorry for delivery.

They helped deliver to each of the 33 households we identified as being in need. Weizi says *"We are happy to say on behalf of all the beneficiaries that the maize was timely given to them at a time like this as they celebrate Christmas and as the nation is facing food shortage. All the beneficiaries are very grateful and wish to express their sincerely appreciation to you and all those who are part of this kind gesture. May God richly bless you"*

Here is the list families :

William Zimba, A nya Baloi, Agogo Luhana, A gogo Lowole ba kwa Sanika, A Nya Kumwenda, A Nya Nthangali, A gogo Mwandira, A Nya Mithi, A dada Layison Zimba, Mphongo, A mama Rose Shaba (she is just alone without a relative and has no legs) and yet ba Kulima bekha. Pa kwa Phiri, Pali a Nya Tembo, A Nya Ndole, na Agogo Estase. Ku Mpeni a Mama Joyce. Kwa Tembo ku Manyamula a Gogo Lukhanda na Nkhazi a Zanthu Tembo. Kwa Kamuzalanga: A Nya Mwale, A Nya Lupafya, Khwima, na A Zungulu. Mana wa a Stanley, Jessie is caring for all other children. Kweniso Lincy.

There were also 11 more families supplied with maize

The money made it possible to supply Zuwayumo with a bicycle for their means of transport which will also provide transport for the elderly and ill who need to get to the local hospital.

