

Your Sponsor A School Report

Chaone Primary School, Machinga, Malawi

Sponsored by: St. Johns Summer Program, Mary's Meals USA

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Thank you for changing lives!

You're doing something amazing! By providing a daily meal for every child in your chosen school, you're giving young people in one of the world's poorest countries the chance to gain an all-important education, without the distraction of hunger.

Without your support, these children could be working in fields, begging on street corners, or even scavenging among the garbage just to survive.

It is thanks to the generosity of people like you that Mary's Meals has gone from feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002, to providing 1,504,471 children across 18 countries with a life-changing meal every school day.

Thank you for giving so generously to Mary's Meals and choosing to sponsor an entire school. We're very excited to share with you this report on your project!



About Mary's Meals

A quick reminder about our work and our approach...

- Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works. Daily meals served in a place of education attract chronically poor children into the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty.
- Mary's Meals began in 2002 when our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When he asked her eldest son, Edward, what his dreams were in life. He replied simply: "To have enough food to eat and to go to school one day."
- Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.



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- The average global cost of feeding a child for a whole school year with Mary's Meals is just £13.90 / €15.60 / \$19.50.
- Mary's Meals feeds 1,504,471 children in 18 countries around the world every school day.
- Research shows that schools where children receive Mary's Meals have higher enrolment, better attendance and improved academic performance.
- We are committed to keeping overhead costs low – at least 93% of donations are spent on our charitable work.
- Mary's Meals is a grassroots global movement. Without passionate, motivated volunteers, our work would not be possible.



About Mary's Meals

- Mary's Meals is owned and run by local communities, who cook and serve the meals. We have more than 80,000 volunteers in Malawi alone.
- Wherever possible, our meals are made with locally-grown food, which helps to boost the local economy.
- Our global headquarters is run from a shed in a remote part of the Scottish Highlands.
- Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty.
- Mary's Meals is a non-denominational charity, which consists of, respects and reaches out to people of all faiths and none.



Mary's Meals in Malawi

Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries, with one in four people living in extreme poverty. It is also one of the worst hit by HIV and AIDS. More than a million children in Malawi have been orphaned by the disease.

Malawi was the first country to benefit from our school feeding programme and this remains our largest programme country. Today, with your help, we're providing meals to around 30% of all primary school-age children across the country!

Ndasalatati, 11, is just one of the children in Malawi who receives Mary's Meals in school. He lives with his parents and three siblings and travels a long distance to get to school each day. The food he receives from Mary's Meals gives him the energy to learn.

He told us: "Porridge makes me feel full. I do better in lessons and I pass my exams now that I can concentrate in class."



Your sponsorship details

School name: Chaone Primary School, Machinga, Malawi

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Country



Malawi

Enrolment



1,173 pupils



530 boys



643 girls

Meal



Vitamin-enriched
maize porridge

Location of your school



About your school

Chaone Primary School now has 1,173 pupils enrolled, made up of 530 boys and 643 girls. The children range from Standards 1 to 8.

There are 6 permanent classrooms at the school and the pupils are taught by a total of 14 teachers. The school's water source is a community well in the school grounds, which is very close to the kitchen, and there are 7 pit latrine toilets on site which are shared equally between the boys and girls.

In addition to a woodlot, the school has a football pitch and a netball court for the children to use.



Quotes from your school

“I don’t go hungry when I eat phala. I was position 2 last term. I want to be a lecturer in future for our community to advocate for girl’s empowerment. My favourite subjects are Numeracy, Mathematics and English.”

– **Loveness Sumani, 16 Years Old, Standard 8**

“I eat phala because it gives me energy. I want to be a teacher because I admire my teacher. I like English in class.”

– **Brandina Mpeusa, 7 Years Old, Standard 1**

“I have been volunteering for over a year to help learners especially those seating for Standard 8 examinations by creating a hunger free environment using the resources we get from Mary’s Meals. Mostly our girls are able to stay in school unlike if they were to have no food here as at times girls tend to go into early marriages in search of support and food to eat.”

– **Getrude Kanyoza, 29 Years Old, Volunteer Cook**

“Learners who were not willing to come to school and others that dropped out are now able to attend classes because of the provision of Likuni Phala.”

– **Charles Chimombo, Teacher**

The sign at your school



Photos from your school





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TO : The Donor

CC: Mary's Meals Malawi

RE: NOTE OF THANKS DUE TO INTRODUCTION OF
SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM AT CHAONE SCHOOL

On behalf of the Chaone L.E. School teachers,
I write to appreciate the school feeding
program at our school. The impact of the
feeding program under Mary's Meals Malawi
at School is as follows: the drop out rate
at our school has greatly been reduced, late
coming to school by learners has improved since
learners arrive at school early morning in order
to be fed with Likuni phala, absenteeism
amongst learners has been reduced and
the learners due to Likuni porridge they are
looking health than before.

I, therefore, request you our donor to continue
assisting our school in providing Likuni
porridge for our learners to continue doing well
in their health status and academic
performance.

Yours faithfully

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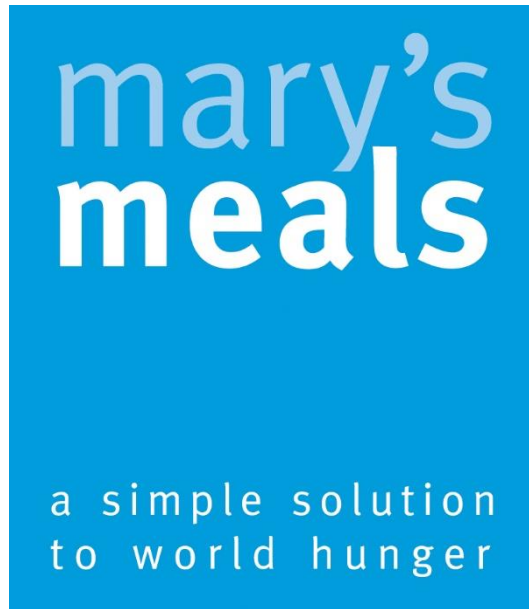
BELSON A. C. KALANDA (HEAD TEACHER)



Thank you so much!

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