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# MALAWI NEWS



*Unfortunately the mushroom growing experiment failed. Now the project is poultry as you can see here.*

Crosby writes: “The first 400 chickens were raised with some outside assistance and they grew well and sold out. The project is for the youth and women and it was decided they should be solely responsible for it. Therefore the second lot of 400 chicks were left to them to raise. However in the course of duty, they missed dates for inoculations and the whole lot died. This was a big loss and a big lesson. The third 400 chicks coincided with Christmas and clients were very happy to have a special meal during the day celebrations. Now they are planning another lot and have expressed a wish to expand the brood.” Now, this is a sign of success. *Well done to them and much success in the future.*

*At the moment 30 youths and 10 widows are running this scheme but Crosby would like to expand the support.*

*(CART – Christian African Relief Trust - is looking into the ‘buy a chicken’ or ‘plant a tree’ scheme for Harvest and Christmas this year some of which could go to Crosby at OCSR – anyone interested in supporting?)*

**More from Crosby:** Since we started supporting orphans in Lilongwe, we have seen an increase in the number of children losing both parents. We had 117 orphans without both parents in 2000 but now the number has risen to 200 and increasing. This means an increase in child headed households and pressure on their daily support. We have been thinking of setting up a hostel for boys and girls who would be selected from such households in order to alleviate the pressure. We have also been thinking of setting up a skills training centre where we could be training some of the youth in crafts such as carpentry, driving, household electrician and other skills that the youth might need because it is difficult for youth to enter the government institutions because of limited space. Apart from skills training, income generating activities such as that of poultry could also assist, We are looking at what would be possible especially to help the youth maintain their integrity under economic stress avoiding being enticed into hazardous behaviour that might lead them to getting infected with HIV or being duped by unscrupulous persons to travel abroad only to end up in brothels as sex workers. Help us to help the girls attain a future that will give glory to God.”



Here some of the older orphans enjoy a game of netball with local young Christians at New Year.

Malcolm writes: “Gifts for the general running of OCSR came to the splendid total in 2007 of £12,679.65, praise God. All gifts may be Gift Aided. Forms from Malcolm.



“The children at the Centre had good times at Christmas with gifts and sharing of the Word. We had Christmas parties with Rotary Club Lilongwe and others. With much thankfulness to you all – Crosby.”

Many of these clothes would be sent on the container through CART.

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*God Bless You All Cynthia, Malcolm & Marlene*

A reminder to sponsors that if you wish to write to your student please address the letter to c/o OCSR each time –

i.e. Orphan Care & Social Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 30200, Capital City, Lilongwe 3. Malawi. Central Africa. This is to prevent personal requests for more help. If you are one of the few who do receive a reply please could I see a copy? These are useful when I do displays with slide talks. Thank you.

If you would like a sponsorship appeal form please ask me. *Cynthia*