

Chikondi ONE HEART ANGELS Orphanage



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Community Newsletter

Heavy Rains Cause Flooding in Malawi

Malawi has been experiencing catastrophic flash floods due to unusually heavy rains; this has resulted in a state of emergency being declared. According to the Malawian government at least 48 people have died and an estimated 100 000 people have been displaced, but the children and staff at Chikondi are safe. The United Nations is in Malawi assessing the damage and needs, and will be distributing aid as the flood waters recede. The heavy rains that have caused these floods are expected to continue until the end of the month. We will update you next month on the situation.



Education Scholarship Fund

Chikondi will be launching our Education Scholarship Fund this year with a goal of providing a post-secondary education to all of the children at Chikondi. One of Chikondi's orphans, Peter Shaba, has already started pursuing a post-secondary education. Our goal is to raise the funds he needs to complete his Accounting Degree. Peter has been an orphan since age 4. He was left for dead and suffering from severe malnutrition when he was brought to the orphanage that our Head Mistress, Edass Ngwira, worked at; and she was the one who nursed him back to health. She is the only support that Peter has, so he moved with her to Chikondi when it was founded in 2012. He is a hard-working, determined student who earns excellent grades. He has already completed 2 of the 12 semesters required to earn his degree at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Malawi. We hope that with your help he will be able to earn his degree and secure a bright future that will help lift him out of the circle of poverty faced by many orphans. Any funds given will receive a tax receipt. If you wish to donate please follow this link and click on the One Time Donation Button to donate, www.chikondiorphanage.org.

Per Semester Costs*:

Tuition: \$430 CDN

Room and Board: \$550 CDN

Remaining Program Costs*:

Tuition: \$4300 CDN

Room and Board: \$5500 CDN

**based on current exchange rates*

A Taste of Malawi: Malawi Yellow Rice

Ingredients:

1 Cup white rice	½ Cup raisins
1 Tbsp. brown sugar	½ Tsp. cinnamon
1 Tsp. salt	1 Tbsp. ground turmeric
2 Cups water	



Method:

Put all the ingredients together in one pot, bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer and cover pot. Cook gently for about 25 minutes, or until the rice is ready and the mixture is almost dry. Fluff the rice and serve in a warmed bowl.

Chichewa – The Language of Malawi

Love	Chikondi
Friendship	Ubwenzi
Happy.....	Chisangalalo
I love you	Ndimakukonda



Deborah Northcott and CAFAC

Chikondi has been very fortunate to connect with Deborah Northcott and CAFAC and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the help she has provided us. Deborah specializes in helping navigate the unique challenges of international adoption and ensuring that potential adoptees are adopted into safe and loving homes in Canada. She is helping us develop a framework for international adoption from Chikondi to Canada for some of the children eligible to join new families. CAFAC is an organization that was started 20 years ago by adoptive parents that had successfully navigated the hurdles of international adoption and wanted to provide their experience and services to help others wanting to welcome an international adoptee into their families. Over the years they have successfully placed over 1000 children. In 1994 Deborah and her husband welcomed 2 Ethiopian children into their family, which includes 5 biological children, and were one of the first Canadian families to do so. She also visited Chikondi in November 2014 where she brought donations as part of an expedition put on by the charity she co-founded with her husband, Canadian Humanitarian. For more information on CAFAC please visit www.cafac.ca.

On The Team: Diane Houston-Lloyd, Director

Diane was born in Mississauga, Ontario and currently lives on Cortes Island, just east of Vancouver Island, with her husband Mark. Diane and Mark are both spirit-filled born again Christians who in addition to their other activities operate a summer seasonal Take-Out ministry for ferry travellers. They have two daughters and two grandchildren who live in Alberta and Ontario. In 2002 she founded Lloyd and Associates Consulting, which is now referred to as El Shaddai Consulting, and she continues to consult with select clients. She is writing her first book and serves as a mentor to Christian women, leaders and teams. She is also involved with an international group of people pursuing their God given callings in the marketplace. She has a love for the outdoors and over the years, has enjoyed spending her free time hiking, mountain climbing, skiing and scuba-diving. When Diane met Arelene and Max Lihala in the spring of 2014, it was their passion and commitment to helping Malawi's orphans that caused Diane to accept their invitation to sit as a Director on the Chikondi Board. Since that time, Diane has served in an advisory, marketing and networking capacity with a focus on servant leadership and the establishment of cultures of honour. Diane will be stepping down from the Board at the end of February to continue her work with Christian ministries that are in need of such services. Diane's hope for the future of Chikondi is that as it continues to take root it will grow to reflect a culture of honour that is committed to serving and empowering the children at the orphanage. We would like to thank her for all her help over the past year.



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