



# LifeNets-Malawi News Letter

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## Water Scarcity in Malawi

Mzembera and Katambo Villages are located in Salima district, Central East of Malawi. The communities here are poor: many people don't have a job and the people who do have a job mostly work in the field of agriculture. Women are responsible for caring their families, doing household chores, fetching water and working on the land. It is believed that more than 800 have to share one source of water. This results in too little access to clean water, long queues and poor hygiene. Women and children walk several times including late hours each day to get water, which is not always safe and is very time consuming.



**Due to water Scarcity in many parts of Malawi boreholes are over crowded; women and children queue their buckets in waiting for their turn**

There is a call for help from the communities in Salima district and other districts in Malawi to drill more boreholes which will give the communities access to clean and safe drinking water. This may contribute to improving health of people and safety for women and children who covers very long distances fetching water.

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### LifeNets and Rotary drill 3 boreholes in Malawi



LifeNets and Rotary recently donated three boreholes to Malawi. The two have been drilled in Salima district and another one in Mulanje. LifeNets launched the two boreholes drilled in Salima. It was all smiles to the people of both Mzembera and Katambo villages in Salima District in Malawi, because it was like a dream come true for them to taste water from the borehole. The ceremony started at Mzembera village which is about 20km away from Salima district Headquarters. People of Mzembera village had lots of excitement to have been given this facility

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as it has eased their burden of walking long distances to look for safe water. All this was demonstrated in their speeches which took place after the village head and the LifeNets chairman Mr. Salawila together with Mr. Rashid tasted the water from the boreholes. An old woman Grace Thole used to

walk a very long distance to draw some water in a bucket. She is now a grateful woman because she has safe clean water just 30 meters away



**Grace Thole....."It's over now.....no more long distances"**



**Dancing is our culture to express gratefulness!**

### Care for People With Disabilities

LifeNets has been fully involved in donating wheel chairs and tricycles for the people with physical disabilities. Among them is Miss Melekina Filipi who is proud of the wheelchair that LifeNets has repaired to bring back to functional use. The tricycle was damaged in a car accident some 6years ago. She stayed in doors and spent most of her time crawling around for more than 4 years till LifeNets came into rescue in 2009. She said her appreciation is to God the Merciful Eternal One. Orientation and mobility will now be easy for her. She is able to go to many places within a single day. She thanked LifeNets for the gift of her tricycle.



from her home. Women in both villages sang songs of thankfulness to Rotary and LifeNets.... 🎵..🎵🎵 Lero limenero lero, Lero limenero lero, Lero limenero lero, chitsime chabwera (Oh! yes it is the day, yes it is the day Oh! yes it is the day, we now have the Borehole).....🎵..🎵🎵

In both villages people pledged to take care of the boreholes and established committees to look for the facility for their sustainability should there be any breakdowns. Thanks to LifeNets and Rotary International for the assistance rendering to improving people's welfare not only in Salima and Mulanje but also Malawi as a whole.

## It's an entirely new life!

In another development, a wheel chair was also donated to Patuma Wyson of Balaka, LifeNets responded to a plea for mobility from Patuma Wyson in Balaka, Malawi through our representative Wordsworth Rashid. This sequence made us realize how just how much mobility means. It isn't just "convenience." It's an entirely new life.



Patuma Wyson in Balaka with Dr. and Mrs. Chilopora

## 53 year old Man Finally got a Tricycle



Mr. Divaison Banda with his new Tricycle

Mr. Divaison Banda comes from Kuchitala Village T.A Kalumbu in Lilongwe district. He has been crawling since his young age. This was as a result of polio he suffered at that age. He is 53 now. Upon identifying him, he has been assisted with a tricycle on February 23, 2011, which will make him able to move around easily. He will be using both hands to cycle it. This tricycle has been donated by the LifeNets International. Wholeheartedly, Mr. Banda thanked LifeNets for assisting him with mobility and orientation. He has a garden of maize and he said; "Look! The grace is here, I will be cycling around my environment and to my maize field using this wonderful gift" He extended his thanks to LifeNets through Wordsworth Rashid for the donation of the wheelchair.

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Alfred Mitomoni

Alfred Mitomoni lives in Kawale, Lilongwe. He owns a welding shop. He has been donated with new welding equipment. He thank God for the tremendous support from LifeNets.

*Wordsworth Rashid*