

Mosquito Nets Reduce Mortality to Zero for Our Malawi Orphans



Children receiving mosquito nets at Chapita Village

Three years ago we began distribution of mosquito nets in Malawi and Zambia. Again, this year more than 200 nets were distributed.

While visiting the Chapita Village Orphan Community we were welcomed by the Chief and presented with a thank you letter which we would like to share with you.

"We parents of Chapita Nursery School together with the chief are welcoming you. We are so thankful of your coming to this village. We are so thankful of the donation you have provided to this village. Our children are healthy, growing, and are sleeping in mosquito nets and there are no longer frequent attacks of malaria."

Dr. Chilopora also presented us with this report: "After three years of mosquito net distribution, the people of the village have greatly appreciated the work being done. Most importantly they have seen the effects of treated mosquito nets. They are very thankful for the mosquito nets that are used for the children at night. During this period of three years they claim that no child has died of malaria. Malaria kills 40 to 50 percent of children under five years of age. This group is very thankful to all those who contribute to this work."

Special thanks goes to United Church of God youth in Portland, Oregon for their cherry picking fundraiser that provided \$2000 towards this project.

Wheelchair Program Report

by Michael Kubik

So far in 2010 we have had 34 matches and I would expect to have between 45 - 50 matches by the end of year based on current donation and request projections. Matches came slowly in the first half mostly due to the lack of donations, but that has not been the case for the last three months. We had 14 donations in August, 15 in September, and 6 in October. We have had the same amount of donations in the past three months as we had in the first seven months of the year. With the increase in donations, we expect to end with two very strong months.

We have received many heart warming emails thanking us for our service. Here is one:



Michael Kubik with two newly-donated pediatric chairs

"Thank you for listing the chairs on your site. I live in Burleson Texas and a lady from Denison called me yesterday regarding her paraplegic sister. The lady wants the chair and she and her husband were willing to buy a new battery if needed. The girls current chair arms are being held together by rubber bands. Thank you for connecting me with someone in need, your site is wonderful."

We are continually in need of ready-to-donate wheelchairs of all types. There are usually three people waiting for every chair we receive. Please go to www.lifenetswheelchairproject.org if

you have a wheelchair that you can donate.



Heifer Project Expands to Kenya (and Zimbabwe)

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How to Effortlessly Double Your LifeNets Donation

Many companies will match their employees' and retirees' charitable contributions. Check with your personnel office, and they will provide the necessary forms and instructions. Then send LifeNets the completed form. Thank you very much!

LifeNets is exporting the success of the ten-year old experience in Zambia to Kenya and Zimbabwe. Leaders from both those countries travelled to Zambia in April 2010 to learn about how we have helped communities achieve food security and a higher standard of living. The latest heifer project has begun with families in the town of Ogembo, Kenya.

The recipient families are hard-working but have very low incomes. At Ogembo five families were selected as the first recipients of the Heifer Project.

To start with, we resolved that the beneficiaries should construct cow sheds at their own expense. This demonstrates an investment initiative on the owner's part and provides shelter to insure that the animal's health is not compromised. That is their contribution to the project and therefore shows that the beneficiary will be committed.



Oasis of LifeNets School Opens in Lilongwe July 7, 2010

In 2006 LifeNets considered a project proposal by the husband-wife team of Howard and Ruth Elia. Both are schoolteachers with a dream to build and operate a nursery school in a busy area of Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi. When this building is fully complete, it will accommodate 100 nursery school children age three to five years old. The school will be self-sustaining. Phase one of the school opened on July 7, 2010 as their dream is being fulfilled.

The Elia's have named the school *Oasis of LifeNets*. We were able to visit the school on September 16 and 17, 2010 and see it in operation.



It fills an important need in the community. We are happy to help to get it off the ground.

From the Elia's: "To invest in education has always been our dream. We can see such a dream turning into reality because of LifeNets who have seen us this far and proved that they won't let us walk alone." Read and see more at www.lifenets.org/oasis.



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December 1, 2010

Dear friends, volunteers and donors,

Again, we've had a great year in positively touching the lives of many people with a variety of projects and programs. The attached newsletter covers just a few of the activities that we have been involved in. We are also sending you the 2011 calendar that features some of the highlights of the past year. We thank Scott Moss who assembled this calendar and Hopkins Printing in Columbus, Ohio for their contribution so that we can send it to you.

We thank not only those who have generously donated this past year, but those who have helped with writing thank you letters, updating our blog, organizing special fundraising events, delivering wheelchairs and so much more.

Be sure to check our Website at www.lifenets.org for timely reporting about what we do. Also, we report happenings on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lifenets. We now have over 1740 fans. We can also be found on Twitter at www.twitter.com/lifenets and our blog on www.lifenets.wordpress.com. From our Website you can sign up for our eNews that comes regularly via email. Go to our Website at **www.lifenets.org** to subscribe.

Here is some of the latest news of interest.

Rotary International releases \$21,000 in grant funding to drill three boreholes in Malawi

It's been almost two years since we applied for this grant. The funding came through in September and the three boreholes to serve three communities in Malawi are now drilled. One is in the town of Mulanje, east of Blantyre and the other two are in Salima. We are happy to see this come about. The wells are public and serve hundreds in their communities.

September visit to Malawi and Zambia

My wife Bev and I visited Malawi again this past September. We saw the results of the various projects that we have supported. We were very pleased to see our mission being fulfilled. That mission is to help in practical ways, foster self-sufficiency and develop a desire to help others. We travelled to the community bore holes, interviewed scholarship students and stopped by several of the livelihood development projects (grocery stores, a hair salon, a shop in a busy market, hardware store and several others) that LifeNets has supported. Malawi is incredibly poor and seeing people not only better themselves but have hope is so rewarding.

In Zambia we visited our cattle, farm, and water projects in the interior of the country. We are very happy with healthy results in these three life-sustaining projects. We also saw the two diesel shellers that were bought for two communities through contributions from Australia's United Churches of God. In one hour the maize shellers do the manual work that takes a month for a family to do. We are ever thankful for the excellent management of our projects through our Zambia director Kambani Banda.

Neonatal Clinic in Salima, Malawi

Through a special donation from an interested party, we have expedited the work on a neonatal clinic in Salima, Malawi. It will serve a very important need in the community. Nurse Nester Phiri is driving the project and has much of the building completed. One of the Rotary boreholes is located nearby and will serve the water needs of the clinic.

Rice Project in Northern Malawi

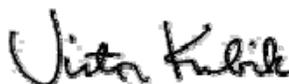
We helped start a rice project for a northern Malawi farmer who lives near Mzuzu. We like these kind of projects that get people going with good seed and fertilizer and then they continue on their own.

Scholarships

We added scholarships in Armenia, Philippines and Ukraine. Once again, the *Developing Nations Scholarship Program* is our most effective way to bring quantum change in a person's life. We support more than forty scholarships each year. In Ukraine, we provide scholarships for two young ladies who were part of our Vinogradov Street Children Program since 2001. They now are studying at a technical school in Khust, Ukraine. You can learn more about our scholarship programs at www.lifenets.org/scholarships.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement! Thanks to those who have been contributing regularly. We rely on this support as we once again plan our projects for 2012.

Gratefully,



Victor Kubik
President

