



Zikomo kwambiri
(Thank you very much)



Mr Humphrys and Mr Donaldson
of



for the gift of dignity and mobility

24 children's wheelchairs

Family responses

Surprised, overwhelmed, tearful, but very, very grateful all of the families had similar reactions when told that their children would be assessed, fitted and supplied with a wheelchair funded through the generosity of Kitchen Table Charities Trust.



Naliyeti (9 years old)

Soka Village, Dambe,
Neno

[Cerebral Palsy secondary to
Cerebral Malaria]



Blandini (12 years old)

Misanjo Village, Mabuka,
Mulanje

[Congenital Malformations]



Mtunduwatha (15 years)

Nande Village, Mabuka,
Mulanje

[Cerebral Palsy secondary to
Cerebral Malaria]



Manuel Phiri (10 years old)

Mjogo Village, Nankumba,
Mangochi

[Cerebral Palsy secondary to
Meningitis]



Halliet (7 years old)

Supuni Village, Mabuka,
Mulanje

[Cerebral Palsy secondary to
Dehydration]



Miracle (12 years old)

Makawa Village, Mabuka,
Mulanje

[Cerebral Palsy secondary to
prolonged labour]



Millium (7 years old)
Magombo Village,
Nchilamwera, Thyolo
[Cerebral Palsy secondary
to delayed birth]



Grace (12 years old)
Chifenthe Village, Dambe,
Neno
[Cerebral Palsy secondary
to brain infection]



Blessings (14 years old)
Manchiri Village, Manchiri
Blantyre
[Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Cerebral Malaria]



Kondwani (11 years old)
Chinkhali Village, Dambe,
Neno
[Muscular Dystrophy]



Cain (6 ½ years old)
Mwangulukulu Village,
Mwakaboko, Karonga
[Cancer - femur]



Chifundo (15 years old)
Nthache Village, Chigalu,
Blantyre
[Cerebral Palsy]



Trifonia (7 years old)
 Chibwana Village,
 Nchiramwera, Thyolo
 [Cerebral Palsy]



Cynthia (8 years old)
 Mbozi Village, Kapeni,
 Lunzu, Blantyre
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to Birth Asphyxia]



John (16 years old)
 Nyakamera Village, Malemya,
 Nsanje
 [Paraplegic secondary
 to birth complications]



Aaron (8 years old)
 Chigumulu Village,
 Kapeni, Blantyre
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to birth complications]



Benedeta (8 years old)
 Juma Village, Ndanga,
 Chiladzulu
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to mother's Preeclampsia]



Chisomo (7 ½ years old)
 Biliati Village, Mulolo,
 Nsanje
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to Birth Asphyxia]



George (5 ½ years old)
 Musa Village,
 Kapeni, Blantyre
 [Cerebral Palsy]



Miracle (7 ½ years old)
 Kandiwo Village,
 Kapeni, Blantyre
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to Cerebral Malaria]



Smart (9 ½ years old)
 Joseni Village, Kanduku,
 Mwanza
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to Cerebral Malaria]



Symon (12 years old)
 Elia Village, Kanduku,
 Mwanza
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to fever of unknown cause]



Thandizo (7 years old)
 Kabano Village,
 Chigalu, Blantyre
 [Cerebral Palsy]



Christopher (12 ½ years)
 Manjombe Village,
 Kapeni, Blantyre
 [Cerebral Palsy secondary
 to Premature Birth]

IMMOBILITY in MALAWI

If life for the average, 'healthy' Malawian child is poor then life for those with severe mobility problems can be dire. The consequences for the child and its family can be many and debilitating.

The Government of Malawi does not provide mobility aids.

Even if they could find them, most families would not be able to afford a mobility aid for their child.

Without a mobility aid the child cannot go to school and will have a very limited social life. If the child cannot go to school, in most cases this restricts both parents from working therefore impacting the family income needed just to survive.

Without a mobility aid, like a wheelchair, parents and guardians carry the child on their backs. As the child grows the weight causes back problems for the adults....and so the above negative cycle continues.

The prosthetics workshop at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, Malawi has been developed to make wheelchairs each to meet the specific needs of those children fortunate enough to receive charitable funds to meet the cost.