



# Friends of Sick Children in Malawi



Thanks to the generosity  
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**The Kitchen Table Charities Trust**

the following very young children in Malawi, born with severe mobility issues, are now able to be assessed and receive home chairs for tots, allowing them to spend their early days not prone on the ground and to be fed more safely.



**Shaibu Katungwe**

18 months of age

from

Makata village, Makata, Blantyre

**Diagnosis:** Cerebral Palsy Quadriplegia



**Prosper Moses**

1 year old

from

Gawasa Village, Makata, Blantyre

**Diagnosis:** Cerebral Palsy  
Quadriplegia



**Brian Jumbe**

2 years of age

from

Wasinjilika Village, Kapeni, Blantyre

**Diagnosis :** Cerebral Palsy + Neck  
Stiffness



**Happy Eliya**

15 months of age

from

Chande village, Lundu, Blantyre

**Diagnosis :** Cerebral Palsy



**Goshen Samuel**

15 months old

from

Harrison village, Kaisi, Chikwawa

**DIAGNOSIS** : Cerebral Palsy



**Precious Shaibu**

4 years of age

from

Kachere Village, Machinjiri, Blantyre

**Diagnosis :** Cerebral Palsy secondary to Birth Asyphixia



**Anastazia Pando**

4 years old

from

Lumala Village, Mabuka, Mulanje

**DIAGNOSIS** : Hydrocephalus



**Blessings Dziko**

13 months old

from

Chiluwe Village, Malemia, Zomba.

**DIAGNOSIS** : Hydrocephalus



**Maziko Mkwapatira**

2 years old

from

Chatha Village, Kapeni, Blantyre

**Diagnosis:** Cerebral Palsy secondary to Birth Asphyxia





**Chisomo Kalavina**  
18 months of age  
from  
Mpalume Village, Makungula, Zomba  
**Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy**

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### **Family responses**

**Surprised, overwhelmed, tearful, but very, very grateful were the reactions of the families when told that their children would be fitted and supplied with a home chair funded through the generosity of the donors.**

### **Background**

For children in Malawi with severe mobility and posture problems and who are still too small for a wheelchair, **home chairs for tots** mean that they are not condemned to life lying on the ground or the floor. With a home chair for tots they can now watch the world from an upright position like everyone else and be fed more safely. The chairs are made locally and to orthopaedic specification, with adjustable strapping through the chair back to allow for each child's particular posture needs. The chairs come with a detachable lap tray that serves many useful purposes.

The Malawi Government does not provide aids such as wheelchairs or these home chairs for tots so the Workshop is totally dependent upon charitable donations.