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MALAWI



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CHANGING LIVES BY THINKING SMALL

The following 9 children in Malawi have been able to be assessed and fitted with orthotic devices to ameliorate their conditions.



Name: Collins Elton

Date of Birth: 21st October 2015

Address: Chachuka Village/ Ganya/
Ntcheu

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy.

Appliance: Right Ankle Foot Orthosis.

Name: Thokozani Charles

Date of Birth: 11th July 2017

Address: Macheso village/Kapeni/ Blantyre

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy Quadriplegia.

Appliance: Bilateral Ankle Foot Orthoses.



Name: Prosper Nice

Date of Birth: 7th September 2017

Address: Ntonda Village/ Mpama/ Chirazulu

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy Hemiplegia.

Appliance: Right Ankle Foot Orthosis.

Name: Mateyo Maliladzi

Date of Birth: 3rd January 2018

Address: Mtemankhawa Village/ Dambe/
Neno

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy.

Appliance: Bilateral Ankle Foot Orthoses.





Name: Chimwemwe Ali

Date of Birth: 26th February 2012

Address: Salubeni Village/Kapiri/
Thyolo

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy.

Appliance: Unilateral Ankle Foot
Orthosis

Name: Lucy Jumbe

Date of Birth: 25th August 2020

Address: Makata Village/ Machinjiri/
Blantyre

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy.

Appliance: Bilateral Ankle Foot
Orthoses.



Name: Marita Stephano

Date of Birth: 4th February 2013

Address: Mpotolo Village/Ntchema/ Chiradzulu

Diagnosis: Bilateral Equinus Feet.

Appliance: Bilateral Ankle Foot Orthoses.

Name: Crispine Daza

Date of Birth: 4th March 2020

Address: Kampala village/Somba/ Blantyre

Diagnosis: Bilateral Equinus feet

Appliance: Bilateral Ankle Foot Orthoses



Name: Racious Nkomwa

Date of Birth: 31st March 2017

Address: Ntapu village/Likoswe/ Chiradzulu

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy Diplegia.

Appliance: Bilateral Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses

FAMILY REACTIONS

Surprised, overwhelmed, tearful, but very, very grateful were the typical reactions of the families when told that their children would be fitted and supplied with wheelchairs or home chairs or orthotic devices funded through the generosity of the donors.

Immobility and Children 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.

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

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.

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