

# Malawi ORPHAN FUND UK

## Newsletter

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### A Visit of Our Trustees

In September of this year, Zannah Lindley and Jane Lambert-Mason represented the Malawi Orphan Fund on a visit to the Home of Hope. Whilst there, they were able to gather information on sponsorship for our supporters who sponsor children at The Home of Hope. This year was a little different as the Schools had not yet gone back in Malawi due to a better harvest than in recent years. We were able to spend more time with the children, and see just how excited they were about going back to school.

Zannah got to know the staff better, whilst Jane was able to build on the relationships which she has been nurturing over the past few years. This meant there was an even higher level of trust and understanding between all of us.

Both Zannah and Jane came back with ideas about fundraising and had their eyes opened to just how much you as supporters are changing the lives of those who live and study at Home of Hope.



Images provided by Jane Lambert-Mason & Emma Makepeace McBriar

### The Container Items are Already in Use

Earlier this year, a container was sent out to the Home of Hope which they had been requesting for a number of years. This was the third container sent by Malawi Orphan Fund but the first for seven years. It was extremely gratefully received.

Both on the Trustees visit and also a visit carried out by Chris Johnson, a supporter of Malawi Orphan Fund and Home of Hope, we were able to see the items in use. Everything they received is being used or being stored until it is needed. The items which are clearly in use are office furniture, shoes, clothes, school uniform and school desks.

The change in how the students are learning at school with clean uniform and desks to work at is clearly visible.

A massive thank you to all those who enabled the container to become a reality.



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## Fundraising for Home of Hope

Recently one of our supporters took on the mammoth task of walking from the Bullring in Birmingham to Big Ben in central London. He walked 140 miles in 5 days and at the time of writing this article he has raised £1,220, with a total including gift aid of £1,391.25. We would like to thank Chris Johnson for his efforts and determination to finish this gruelling challenge.



To raise funds for the trustees to take out with them on their visit to Home of Hope, both Zannah Lindley and Jane Lambert-Mason undertook some fundraising of their own. Zannah was very successful attending a Car Boot Sale and Jane did a bridge walk around her local river. Having just finished her A-Levels and getting ready for University Zannah somehow managed to find the time to attend her boot sale and Jane, even with her limited mobility managed to complete her challenge with her husband Scott by her side.



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## Grace Pads



Grace Pads was set up by Australians; Christie and Erin, 3 years ago. It is an initiative that trains young women from Home of Hope who have graduated in textile manufacturing, and the making of reusable sanitary pads. The project manager; Cynthia, was one of the first graduates of the vocational programme run by Home of Hope and Grace Pads.



The women who are trained earn a formal qualification and either continue to work for Grace Pads or go out into Malawi to gain another career in textile manufacturing. Grace Pads is therefore an amazing project, enabling young women to learn great skills, gain employment and build a better life for themselves.

Beyond this, Grace Pads provides invaluable empowerment for the young girls within Home of Hope and the surrounding villages, something that Cynthia is incredibly passionate about. Without Grace Pads, many girls are forced to miss a quarter of their schooling due to menstruation. Every girl at Home of Hope is given a kit of Grace Pads.



This is only a snap shot of what Grace Pads is about. Malawi Orphan Fund is passionate about this project and how empowering it is to girls not just at Home of Hope but throughout Malawi and we hope you will be to.

There is a sponsorship scheme which helps fund the making of the pads, more information can be found at [www.gracepads.com/storewashdry](http://www.gracepads.com/storewashdry).

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