

Together
we learn

HOOKE COURT IN MALAWI



UK Charitable Trust

NEWSLETTER - January 2020

Happy New Year, Happy New Decade!

Thank you for your continued interest in and support for Hooke Court in Malawi. The last decade saw the seed of an idea grow into a fully-fledged charity that is making a real difference to the lives of children and their families in a remote part of Malawi.



So, what of the new decade? Well there is still plenty to do, not least as we expand the operation to help not only the schools in the Bandawe Zone but 13 schools in the neighbouring Chintheche Zone.

What can we do and how can we do it? The summer volunteer programme continues to be an important and rewarding event that underpins our motto, **'Together We Learn'**. Everyone who has taken part cannot help but return home changed in some way by the experience and knowing they have helped change life for those they have met and worked with in Malawi. **Would you be interested in taking part in the volunteer programme?** Please look for details in the newsletter.

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Not all of us can venture to Malawi but there is much we can do from here. Please read on to find out what you may be able to do to help our charity, Hooke Court in Malawi get this decade off to a good start.



MONEY BOXES

At our Stars on the Lake fundraiser in 2019, a number of empty HCiM money boxes went home with our kind attendees. If any of you have filled (or partially filled) your money box please send the money to the office at Hooke Court. If you would like a box to relieve you of your small change, please contact the office – more are available.

2020 SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME IN MALAWI

Volunteers are currently being recruited for the annual summer programme for the end of July / early August 2020.

If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact Sarah sarah@hookecourt.co.uk



Sponsor needed please

Dephnes Phiri has passed the entrance exam to attend the National School, Amazing Grace Secondary School in northern Malawi.

Do you know someone who could sponsor **£35 a month** for the next few years to help Dephnes take up her place at this school?

If so, please contact sarah@hookecourt.co.uk for details.



Secondary education is not free in Malawi.

These two lucky girls are now being sponsored through secondary school.

EDUCATIONAL CDs

Thanks to ACCOR Hotels all the schools in Bandawe Zone have access to 2 or more computers but we desperately need more educational CDs. With the advent of the internet they stopped being used years ago but maybe there are some lying around in a cupboard or an old school storeroom

Can we do it again?!



As you know, in 2018 we filled and transported a **container to Malawi**. Whilst the volunteers each year have done a sterling job of carrying as much in their luggage as possible, a container allows us to send out large quantities of items as well as heavy items such as bicycles and sewing machines. Now that the container is in Malawi, it gives us a termite free, secure storage area – even if it is rather hot inside! Here is Gilly with the unloaded and repacked storage container in Bandawe.

Now the Trustees have set the challenge of doing it all again in 2021!

In order to achieve this, we need to raise about **£9000 for the purchase and transportation** of a filled container. Could you, your workplace or someone you know help us to reach this target through donation?

In addition, we need to fill the container to the roof with useful items. Perhaps you can help us collect some of these.

Shopping list of items for the container

- + school uniform (white shirts, grey shorts or skirts)
- + shoes
- + picture books
- + pencil cases (filled with, for example: pencils, sharpener, ruler, eraser)
- + geometry sets
- + science equipment
- + maths equipment
- + sewing machines
- + toys (not battery operated)
- + sports kit
- + bicycles (mountain not racer!)
- + computers



This is a classroom in the mountains in the Chintheche Zone, a 2 hour walk uphill from the road. Anything we can do to help equip this school will be most gratefully received.

Easy, everyday ways to help us fundraise

Every pound we raise goes a long way to helping our schools in Malawi

Donate with Amazon Smile

HOOKE COURT in MALAWI is now registered with AMAZON SMILE. If you ever shop on Amazon then please consider signing up to Amazon Smile and selecting HClM as your chosen charity. It is easy to set up and there's no extra cost to you.

How does Amazon Smile work?

When first visiting smile.amazon.co.uk customers are prompted to select a charitable organisation. Amazon will give 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organisations selected by our customers.

And if you know of anyone else who might buy from Amazon please do pass the message on!

Everyone's a winner with the HClM 100 Club

As you can see from the list of winners opposite, The 100 Club is up and running well. For a donation of £5 per month you could win £50, £30 or £10 in each monthly draw whilst also raising funds for HClM.

The more members the merrier so please encourage friends and family to sign up.

Contact Ros or Jayne at Hooke Court

office@hookecourt.co.uk

Donate with Easyfundraising

HOOKE COURT in MALAWI is also registered with Easyfundraising, another easy way for us to raise funds with minimal effort – every penny counts! How?

1. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. Search for Hooke Court Malawi
3. Select 'Support this cause'
4. Register and follow the easy instructions given.
5. If you then refer a friend, you can raise a further £5 for HClM

We currently have 34 supporters. Can we increase this to 50 by the next newsletter?!

HClM 100 Club Winners 2019

January

£50 Nick Holway
£30 Lucy Boggis
£10 Jane Spedding

February

£50 Dylan Cooper
£30 Jo Bugler
£10 Chris McConnell

March

£50 Pete Cooper
£30 Simon Hunt
£10 David and Gilly Brugge

April

£50 Caroline Williams
£30 Westair
£10 Jayne Travers

May

£50 Pete Schweir
£30 Barry Bush
£10 Nick Holway

June

£50 Gill Smith
£30 Jayne Travers
£10 Amy Bush

July

£50 Jayne Travers
£30 Sarah McConnell
£10 Amy Bush

August

£50 Diana Donald
£30 Bill Hughes
£10 Benita Hughes

September

£50 Jo Bugler
£30 Westair
£10 Benita Hughes

October

£50 Bill Hughes
£30 Pauline Wallbridge
£10 Charles Lowe

November

£50 David and Gilly Brugge
£30 Amy Bush
£10 Lucy Boggis

December

£50 Jayne Travers
£30 Westair
£10 Simon Hunt

**Well done to all our winners and thank
you to those who donated their
winnings back to HClM!**