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from the Starfish UK & Malawi Teams.



Sponsor a Student to Serve Courageous Kids

Help John complete his degree by sponsoring his voluntary work at The Courageous Kids Foundation in Malawi.



John has completed his Year 4 final exams at the Malawi College of Accountancy, but he still needs to finish his final project and do an (unpaid) internship with a company. It is currently very difficult to find part time jobs in Malawi, so can we sponsor him to do voluntary work alongside his internship?

The Courageous Kids Foundation for orphaned children is about a 40-minute bus journey from Blantyre. It cares for nearly 200 orphaned street children, giving them food, shelter and love.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sponsor-a-student-to-serve-courageous-kids-1

John has already been helping the charity with their accounts and helping the children with their activities. He needs approximately £50 per week to pay for his accommodation, food and travel. This will enable him to complete an internship and be awarded his degree.

If you would like to help both John and The Courageous Kids Foundation, please give generously.

£5 for half an hour's service at the centre, £10 for one hour, £25 for half a day's work, or £50 for a whole day's work.



Clean Water - an essential to good health

One of the special and life changing ministries of Starfish Malawi is their schools linking programme, where we link 38 schools in Malawi with 38 in the UK. Many great things have happened as a result of these links and we want to continue to develop these relationships so that they will impact both schools and, we hope, change the way that children see their world.

In 2023, our focus will be on Water. We have been running a clean hands programme since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, but we are going to expand our understanding of the absolute necessity for water in the world.



This will impact provision of clean drinking water, global handwashing, clean toilets, more girls attending school, (rather than collecting water) and many of the environmental issues that the world faces. As we have recently opened our health clinic and are about to open our maternity clinic, we are concerned about waterborne diseases such as cholera. Also, the provision of clean water massively affects the life chances of young babies.

The schools will work together around educational opportunities and a healthier world.

Water affects everyone. We hope to be working in association with Water Aid, who are an international organisation touching the lives of millions of children. We will keep you up-to-date with our developments during the course of the year.

For more information about Water Aid please visit https://www.wateraid.org/uk/

We are looking forward to 2023

As we start another year, what will it bring us?

Individually we all have our hopes and dreams for different things that will affect our lives, whether related to work, health, family or other issues.

We look forward with hope that the new year will bring some changes to our situation. At Starfish there are some things already we are looking forward to.



In Malawi:

The completion and opening of the maternity wing at Hope Clinic.



The completion of the second classroom block at Trinity School, Moyo.



The beginning of construction of the teacher's house at Everlands centre

https://starfishmalawi.com/michael-jackson-legacy to see the project.



The UK team's visit to Malawi in May

In UK:

Launching our New Year appeal in aid of Virtual Doctors in February.

https://www.virtualdoctors.org/



Preparations for the annual Bewl Water Walk in June.

www.starfishmalawi.com/bewlwatersponsoredwalk to register your interest



The annual dinner in October or November



For more information about Starfish Malawi please visit our webpage <u>starfishmalawi.com</u>

