

Dear Jill,

28.12.2021

Merry Christmas and happy New Year 2022 to our beloved donors and all Corpus Christi parishioners.

Matumba parish registers a vote of thanks for various 2021 container items (clothes, shoes, computers, medical equipment, sewing machines, etc.) that the Malawi twinning project sent to Malawi. Lots of parishioners have benefited from your generosity and the items are serving the local people in different manner.

For instance, 95% of the parishioners hardly gets descent clothes at a market due to their weak and crippled financial muscle. Most of the parishioners live in fierce poverty and the clothes you sent will serve them for different purposes. The given clothes will provide *physical protection to the people, adding beauty to their bodies, promoting their right mental development since a person who wears rags would be a source of laughter and mockery thereby developing inferiority complex. The shared clothes will also help promoting social development of the local poor people since clothing serves a social purpose for man just as food serves a health purpose for him.* Hence, thanks for the clothing you sent us.

In distribution exercise, we largely took advantage of prayer gatherings on Sundays and on other special days to reach the beneficiaries. Sometimes, pastoral workers (priests, catechists, deacon & a seminarian) would move around in villages specifically to share the hand-outs (clothes, toys, shoes, etc.).

It's also very important to note that students in Malawi are currently on holiday. However, the school writing materials had been distributed ONLY to Standard 8 primary school pupils and to Form four secondary school students. These are the classes (standard 8 had and Form 4 students) that are expecting to sit for government examinations next year 2022. In Matumba parish, these classes had a very short holiday and they had already opened 2022 school academic year in late November, 2021. Thereby, we had taken advantage of their early opening to share the school items to them. The items had been shared to our different catholic primary and secondary schools.

The distribution process was so successful and the beneficiaries were so glad to receive the items. More photos were taken in the course of the exercise. The following are some photographic evidence:







A seminarian distributing items to the elderly in villages



Kids receiving soft toys after church service



Christians choosing clothes after Sunday Eucharistic celebration



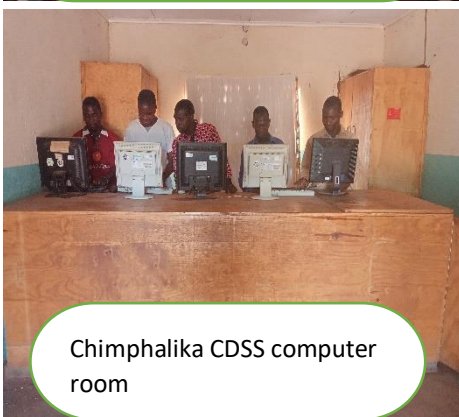
A deacon typing on a parish desktop computer



Mikondo health centre staff receiving medical equipment



Magomero CDSS Office



Chimphalika CDSS computer room



Fr. Alfred presenting sewing machines to a chair lady of parish women sewing group



A laptop computer given to Natiswe primary school



A kid carrying soft toys



Young boys & girls receiving soft toys







Kids receiving clothes



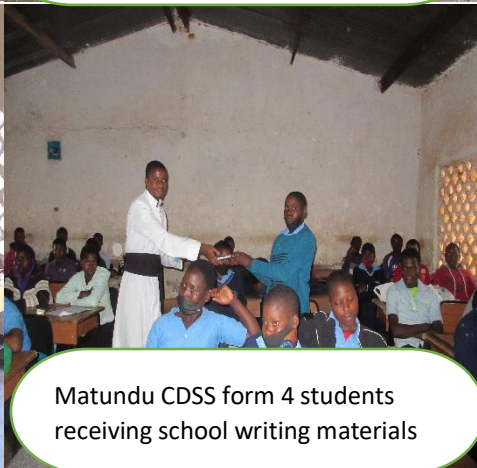
Posing while putting on reading glasses / spectacles



Magomero primary school standard 8 students receiving school writing materials



Namikango primary school standard 8 students receiving school writing materials



Matundu CDSS form 4 students receiving school writing materials



Kaimvi primary school standard 8 students after receiving pens, etc.



Mchenga primary school standard 8 students



Magomero CDSS form 4 students after receiving school writing materials from a seminarian

We appreciate for the various container items you send us yearly and they are of great help to the parishioners. We, finally, ask God to continue blessing you in your everyday endeavours.

With huge gratitude & prayers.

**Fr. Alfred**  
**(Parish Priest)**