

# MALAWI - TWIN

## Container Number Thirteen – June 2022

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Dear Friends of Malawi

*OUR NEXT CONTAINER* will leave for Malawi on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June this year.

Our previous twelve containers have been hugely successful. Our last container scheduled to depart from the UK in June 2020 was very much affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Periods of lockdown made it a stop & go project and delayed the eventual departure to June 2021. During this period donations continued to flow in and filled our allocated space. I was very grateful to the packing teams who were able to work in bubbles or family units. Despite obtaining an extra 100 cubic feet of space, we had a massive overspill of almost 300 cartons which will be allocated to our beneficiaries in the 2022 container.

The pandemic impacted Malawi-Twin in other ways. We received urgent appeals for help from our linked parishes to help them with equipment to stem the spread of the coronavirus. Our appeal at Corpus Christi raised just over £6,000 but were able to send well over £10,000 to purchase washing bowls, water containers, face masks, hand sanitiser & soap.

As we were unable to hold fund raising events during the pandemic, we used all our available funds to continue supporting our friends in Malawi. The gift aid we obtain from your donations (received several months later) is normally “ring fenced” to help finance the next container. The cost of each container is in excess of £7,500, which includes the shipping costs. The expectation is that shipping costs will rise due to the high volume of container movements. I am pleased to say that I have already received a kind donation.

If you are able to help: you can transfer donations into our parish account using the following details Account: RCAS Tonbridge Sort Code: 60-21-28 Account No. 71367780 – Please use **reference: MT-CON**, to ensure your donation is allocated to the container. Make cheques payable to Corpus Christi Tonbridge, place in an envelope marked Malawi container, with your name. If you are a gift aider Ken will claim the gift aid.

We continue to receive help from new and existing donors, individuals, and organisations both near and far. Some of whom have supported our container project for many years. We are particularly grateful to Lenham Storage Ltd who came to our rescue to provide the transport from Tonbridge to Birmingham four years ago.

The Project is blessed by many parishioners who help sort and pack cartons on seven or eight Saturday afternoons, in a cold unheated warehouse. The project would not be possible without the help of Tyler Holding, who have kindly donated the use of a warehouse since the first container in 2009.

We have given an enormous amount of aid to many thousands of men, women and children. Each year I receive further requests from parishes and schools in Malawi for our help and this year is no different. All the parishes we support have many schools and well over thirteen

thousand children will benefit from an improved standard of education and improved living standards because of our support.

I receive many e-mails and photos from our friends in Malawi, thanking us for our help. Take a look at our DVD of the 2021 Malawi Container; this can be viewed by visiting our website at [www.malawi-twin.org](http://www.malawi-twin.org) Click on videos, then select the 2021 Malawi container.

### **Our June 2022 Container is well under way. We have already secured ....**

- **Space** in the Container which leaves Birmingham in June. (600 cubic feet)
- **Tyler Holdings Ltd.** Who continue to provide us with warehouse accommodation
- **Lenham Storage Ltd.** Who have offered to continue support with transportation
- **KFC Tunbridge Wells.** Who will supply us with the cartons we need for packing
- **Kevin Wilkins** our IT engineer will again be busy refurbishing computers.

### **How can you Help !!**

We have a massive overflow from last year and have large amounts of clothing already.

**So this year please no Women's clothing with the exception of bras & knickers**

- Many children still run around in clothes no better than rags. **So Lots of children's clothes please**, from babies through to teenagers.
- Adults need shoes, bedding, household tools, reading glasses and sewing machines.
- Tools are required to help cultivate garden plots and carry out repairs to their homes.  
**\*Shoes need to be flat - no stilettos please\***

#### **Below is a list of the types of items we hope to send:**

<b>Education (for 13,000 children)</b> <i>All School Materials, pens, pencils, rulers, crayons, felt tips etc.</i>	<b>Clothing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Men's as good as new</i></li><li>• <b>Women's Bra's and Knickers only</b></li><li>• <i>Children's - birth to teenagers</i></li></ul>
<b>Tools</b>	<b>Musical Instruments.</b>
<b>Health &amp; Medical</b>	<b>Household items</b>
<b>Computing Equipment</b>	<b>Toys</b>
<b>Sewing Machines</b>	<b>Reading Glasses</b>

If you can help, please leave your donations in the Narthex at Corpus Christi, **from Now until the end of April.** Contact Brian Wilkins on 01732- 366846/07714-012915 [brianrobertwilkins@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brianrobertwilkins@yahoo.co.uk) to arrange a collection, or to join our packing teams. Our friends in Malawi very much look forward to our next consignment which is expected to arrive in late August / early September 2022

Many thanks for your continued support for this very worthy project.

*Brian Wilkins.* Malawi Container Project Co-ordinator.