

# MALAWI - TWIN

## *Malawi Sponsorship Program*

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**“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’** Matthew 25:40

On my first newsletter back in June 2019, when re-launching the Malawi Sponsorship Programme, we could read: **Education is a global priority that empowers people to contribute to their country’s sustainable social and economic development and to live better lives.**

Unfortunately, Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, where families really struggle to give their youngsters an academic education.

According to “Malawi Education Fact Sheets – 2022”, published by UNICEF, only **23%** of students complete Junior Secondary school (Form 1 and 2) and only **15%** complete the 4 years of Secondary Education. Rural and poor children have completion rates below this average.

The Malawi Sponsorship Programme exists to support children through the 4 years of Secondary School. We started in September 2020 and, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we have been able to help 41 students since then. 26 girls are studying as boarders, this minimises the risk of sexual harassment on their way to school and of being forced into premature marriages. 15 boys commute daily to school, sometimes walking or cycling several miles. From these students, 22 are due to graduate from Secondary School at the end of 2023/2024 academic year!

### **Would you consider sponsoring a student in Malawi?**

There are different ways you can contribute to our Sponsorship Programme:

#### **Individual Sponsorship**

**£250 per year** for a boarding girl/ **£100 per year** for a boy (daily commuter)

The sponsorship is for a period of 4 years (Secondary school)

## **Scholarship Fund**

If you can not commit to an individual sponsorship, you can still help with a monthly contribution (£10/£15), by standing order, to the Corpus Christi bank account.

We use this fund to sponsor more students or cover shortfalls (if fees increase or if we lose sponsors during the 4 year sponsorship).

We are, also, looking into being able to help any of "our" current students to pursue university education.

## **Other donations**

Any occasional donations are gratefully received and will be added to our Fund.

All sponsors will receive the information regarding the student(s) they are supporting, as well as reports of their school progress, whenever possible.

I am in regular contact with the priests from the parishes the students come from and all the money for the fees is sent directly to the parish priests (Fr. Steven, Fr. Alfred and Fr. Michael).

## **Standing orders/ Bank transfers**

Account name: RCAS Corpus Christi Tonbridge

Account number: 71367780

Sort code: 60-21-28

REF: MTSCHOLARSHIP

**Cheques** payable to RCAS Corpus Christi Tonbridge

All donations can be gift aided.

If you would like more information and/or wish to support our programme, please contact me via email or phone.

Warmest regards,

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