



Dear Friends

I cannot believe it has been a year since I last put pen to paper for this newsletter. I have tried to include as much of our news as possible here.

As you know, our ultimate dream is for the people of Likoma to become self sufficient. And this year, after a profitable sale of cassava, the Tilerane Orphan Group have made huge progress towards this goal.

They previously kept twelve goats in a pen. Recently they have developed a scheme to give each goat to an orphan family. Their Ram will then visit each goat, and hopefully create a kid to be given to the other orphan families.

Meanwhile, the wood from the old pen is being used to build a community shop.

This may sound straightforward, but it is a massive step forward for the people of Likoma Island and the realisation of our Malawi Dream!

Best wishes for the Festive Season,

Sonia

Yofu pupils wearing Needham and James sponsored bike ride t-shirts:



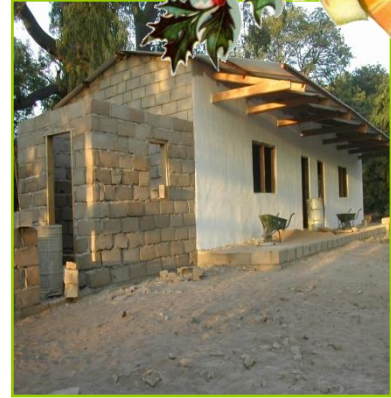
We look forward to the return of St Edward's School Oxford to Likoma for their school community project in July 2010!

We are delighted to be funding Earnest's business management degree. He is the ex-head Boy of Likoma Secondary School

The Khuyu Nursery School will be opening in April. There will be an official opening ceremony at Easter. We are incredibly proud of it.

This is a prototype we will be able to replicate in different villages as soon as Funds become available

It will house 40 pupils and be run by local people who we have trained on the Island.



Alfred

We are delighted that Alfred, a local from Likoma Island, has joined Malawi Dream as project Manager. He will manage our projects all year round.

Fundraising

As you all know, the enormous progress made on Likoma has resulted from your generosity and hard work.

We rely on fund raising initiatives, and we have raised over £18,000 in 2009.

The bike ride organised by Needham and James solicitors has raised approx £3,000 and Gary's talk at Middle temple Hall raised £1,800.

There is, of course, much more to do, and I would be delighted to hear your ideas for ways that we can raise more funds in the 2010.

January 2010

Next month will see us take over the Island Child project. Our plan is to develop the Dream into further education. The first beneficiary will be Londo, the Clinical Officer at the hospital who will be going to Blantyre for full medical training.

Our container of equipment is due to reach Likoma on December 17th! It contains eleven pallets of donated materials for the schools and hospital on the island. The number of books is phenomenal and will allow us to start setting up school libraries - a first on the Island! Many thanks to all who so kindly and generously donated.

Equipment