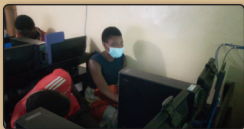


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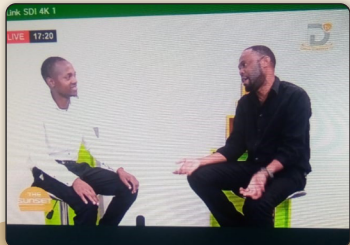
The children of Molima are what makes all of our work and giving so worthwhile.

We are continually amazed and inspired by their resilience and love of life, despite having the most difficult of beginnings.

COVID has made this year particularly challenging for the young people, and yet, despite these barriers they have achieved so much.

We hope you find these updates as encouraging as we do.

Dickson - Molima's first ever University Student!



" We could not be prouder of what **Dickson** has achieved.

In a country where less than 20% of children manage to graduate from primary school, Dickson has become Molima's first ever university student - studying a Batchelor of Arts in journalism and mass communication.

In July Dickson received the results of his first year, passing with 'credit'. This autumn, Dickson also made his debut on Malawian television as part of a discussion panel on a chat show. Well done Dickson, we can't wait to see what the next year holds for you!

Linda commences a 6 month Computing Course



" **Linda** has been our longest standing resident at Molima and has been a great asset to Wezi and an excellent role-model for the children.

We are delighted that after finishing her school studies, Linda talked over her future plans with Wezi and subsequently commenced a 6 month computing course studying database management, accounting software and computer programming.

Orfund have agreed to support her in this. She started on 1st June 2021 and we are excited about the career prospects this will open up to her as she continues to set an example for the other young girls of Molima Home.



Vanessa - our newest and youngest Molima resident



“ Many of you will remember young **Vanessa** (age 6) featured in last year's newsletter

Vanessa was brought to Molima at the point her mother was admitted to hospital. Sadly Vanessa had experienced a lot of physical abuse at home. At the time, it was unclear whether Molima would be a permanent arrangement.

Vanessa's mum died this year, but we are pleased to say that Vanessa enthusiastically agreed to make Molima her permanent home. Vanessa loves her new school and doesn't even mind that they are staying open until Christmas Eve this year - to make up for the disruption experienced over the past 18 months due to COVID (I'm not sure how that would go down in England!) Vanessa also enjoys being made a fuss of by the other children as the youngest member of the family!

Chikondi - welcome back To Molima home!



“ **Chikondi** had been part of the Molima Family Home from 2010-2017.

In July of 2017 we were disappointed to hear that she had been asked to go and care for a relative who needed support. Unfortunately Chikondi was abused and so she decided to return to her village, where she stayed with her grandmother. During this time she was forced to work and earn a living and so the Chief Village Headman recommended that she return to Molima. She is now back amongst her friends and happily attending school.

Sellina - bucking trends in education



“ Here is **Sellina**, looking particularly relaxed and self-assured.

She is one of three Molima children who managed to pass their exams last year for Secondary School.

In Malawi very few children pass exams to start Secondary School, and enrolment rates are particular low amongst girls. Sellina recently told Wezi that she is hoping to become a Social Worker.

We certainly wish her every success with that.

Zetillina and Witness

Zetillina, on the left, told Wezi how difficult it has been over the past year with classes sometimes closed or reverting to staggered learning. She is very keen for things to get back to normal.

Witness, on the right is hoping that this year he will be successful in qualifying for Secondary School. He says he is working hard and hopes that he won't let himself or anyone else down.

The children generally have shown amazing commitment and resilience in these very challenging times.



Fundraising to Support Molima Children

Your support and generosity has been amazing!

This has been a year where we have seen our sponsors and friends really get behind the work of Orfund, whether it's donations, or supporting fund raising events



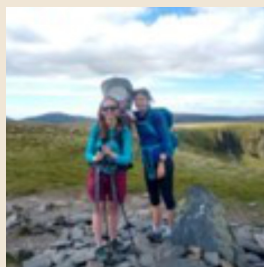
Running fever has gripped the Orfund trustees this year with Caroline running a half marathon last March, and Michelle in the middle of training for her half marathon in the New Year.

Between them they have so far raised over £2,700 for the children of Molima Home! What an amazing effort - thank you to Caroline and Michelle and to everyone who supported them.

You can still sponsor Michelle using this link:

 <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/RunforOrfund>

2020 turned out to be a very special year for one of our new Trustees - Sophie Hodge



Liza Joy was
born on July
24th 2020

At the age of 3 months, she became our very youngest fundraiser! Liza will attempt to top all the 214 Wainwright Peaks – for the time being, with Mum or Dad in tow.

She has already nine summits under her belt, which, at the age of just one year isn't bad going.

If you would like to sponsor Liza, please see the link below:



<https://www.give.net/LizaWainwrightChallenge>

NEW TRUSTEES

| ***Hannah Venning***



Hi I'm Hannah! I have 9 years experience as a Primary School teacher in a local school. I had the privilege of visiting Molima Home in 2019, where it was wonderful to spend time with the children and the Banda family. I was delighted to be asked to be an Orfund trustee and look forward to serving in this way.

| ***Sophie Hodge***



Hi! My name's Sophie and I am wife to Jamie and mother to my 15 month old daughter Liza. I've worked in the charity sector for the last decade - focussing on communications, income generation and finance. I have been a supporter of Orfund for many years and was invited by the charity to visit the Molima Home with my husband Jamie in 2016, and then return with a larger group in 2019. I feel very invested in the lives of Wezi, her team and all the children and so I am delighted to be able to serve Orfund through being a trustee.

NEW TRUSTEES

| ***Jen Webb***



Hi, I'm Jen and I've joined the Board of Trustees as I am passionate about children being well cared for and loved as they grow up. My background is as a Social Worker in Children's Services.

I have been a Social Worker for 15 years and currently work for Dorset Children's Social Care.

| ***Michelle Willshire***



Hi, I'm Michelle! I am married with two small boys, age 5 and 2, that keeps me very busy! I have been a qualified Social Worker for 8 years, working with both children and adults. I grew up in South Africa and have always been passionate about alleviating poverty. So when I was asked if I would consider being a trustee, I jumped at the chance to be involved and help promote Orfund.

COVID Update

The past two years have not been easy for the children of Molima. Although to a great extent it is the larger towns such as Lilongwe and Blantyre which have borne the brunt of Covid transmissions and have seen the greatest number of fatalities, it has of course left its mark all over the country, including the small rural villages which feed the Molima Home.

At the beginning of the year, Wezi said how the situation had worsened and had led to lockdown. She mentioned that all businesses had been put on hold which had led to great hardship in already struggling communities.

One area that has particularly affected the children of Molima is the lack of consistency in their education. Throughout this year, schools have regularly had to close or split their week so that certain year groups attend on designated days. Other times, schools have been open to exam students only and the exams themselves have been subject to constant delays and cancellations.

We have certainly seen the consequences of these disruptions on the Molima Home. Three of our children who took exams last year failed to make it to Secondary School. Despite the fact that Wezi had employed a tutor to help with the children's education, it has not been easy for them. We have six children taking their exams for Secondary School this year and we wish them every success.

Thankfully, so far, we have have had no cases of Covid-19 at Molima.

Orfund Spending in 2021

The following gives an outline of main expenditure at Molima this year

-£1078 per month for Molima's running costs (inc £15 monthly bank charge).

Although this is slightly less than last year the exchange rate has been much better. So Molima received the same amount of money from January to September. In October we increased our monthly payments to enable Molima staff to have an increase in salary.

-£800 for Dickson's two university semester fees

-£80 for Linda's college computer course

-£100 for school fees

-£170 for annual car insurance and service

-£1650 for 6 acres land rent, seeds and fertiliser

-£250 for a special meal and a gift at Christmas

Our total expenditure for the 2020/21 financial year was £17,083.15

97.5% of this was spent directly on Molima. The remaining £418 was spent on postage, newsletter printing and website maintenance which this year included a major upgrade to enable our newsletter and other news items to be available to the wider public.

Inflation in Malawi is very high, around 9% per annum. This means we regularly review our monthly payments to Molima Home and need to look to increase our regular income correspondingly.

We have been delighted by the success Molima has seen in educating our young people. As more Molima children progress through secondary school and into further education we are likely to see more demands for costs such as university fees, apprenticeship and further education courses.

T R U S T E E S

R E P O R T

This year has been an exciting year for Orfund, in spite of the global challenges we have all faced.

What a pleasure to see pictures of Dickson on Malawian TV - cool and calm! What a relief to know that the children and staff at Molima have so far managed to avoid the Covid virus, much of that due to the care and safe practices of the team at Molima. Thanks to your giving, they have been able to be well resourced with their home grown grain and produce during these difficult times. What a joy to hear the children singing on an audio clip sent by Wezi (check it out on our website) and to hear a couple of the children talking about their determination to do well in their exams.

The love, care and commitment to the futures of the children and young people at Molima provide a real beacon of hope for their futures. This was confirmed by the Malawi Commission of Human Rights from Lilongwe who inspected the home earlier this year. They made three recommendations, one of which was to increase staff pay. We have been able to do this, thanks to the ongoing generosity of your giving.

We are 'holding our own' financially each month but our reserves are limited for any big spends. We would still love to help them convert the woodshed into dining and study space but need further generosity to achieve this. It is said that 2020 and 2021 have enabled people to save more because of Covid - if you fall into that category, please think of the children and young people at Molima and consider whether you could give a special gift.

Finally, this has been an exciting year as we have welcomed new trustees on board. New ideas, new energy and a commitment and enthusiasm to the work at Molima. However, there has been a sadness as our long standing trustee, Graham Young, died peacefully at home in November, not long after being diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. A few weeks before he died he said that he had a 'real heart' for all the children and young people at Molima and for the aspirations of Orfund. Wendy Stuart also stood down as trustee after 5 years of service. However, we are grateful that she will continue to be involved in our work in other capacities. As trustees, we want to carry on with that 'real heart' and trust that you will have that ongoing commitment too.

Thank you for your giving.

David, Carri, Sophie, Jen, Michelle, Hannah and Jackie - trustees

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