



Read All About It!

Showing that 'Every Little Helps', TESCO, is helping with our current drive to collect books which help to transform the lives of some of the world's poorest children.

With book collection boxes behind the tills at the Uttoxeter and Hanley branches, it's never been easier for people to donate books for Africa.

A quarter of all adults in Malawi cannot read, and Krizevac Project is addressing this in many ways. Not only have we built St James Primary School in Chilomoni township, Blantyre, but we're using donated British books to make a big impact in different ways.

Hundreds of thousands of underused or unwanted books have been sent to Malawi. Some go to the Primary School Library where our Extended Schools Team encourage children to develop a love of reading. All early years books go to Mother Teresa Children's Centre, our Outreach Team take hundreds of books to community nurseries and family homes so children begin to enjoy books from the earliest age. All training books go to the IT Training Academy to help adult learners develop technical and business skills. The remainder of the books go to Beebooks, the smallest Beehive Enterprise. Beebooks makes sure the public can access low-cost books; most are sold for around 50 kwacha, which is only about 7 pence in our money, so they really are accessible and available to some of the poorest of the poor.

How are your bookshelves looking at home? A bit full and dusty? What about your school library, is it just about to have some new stock? Why not send your old books to Malawi where you'll know they will help transform thousands of lives?





Happy Birthday Mother Teresa Children's Centre

It's now a year since Mother Teresa Children's Centre fully opened and there's so much to celebrate!

The centre has been caring for pre-school children in day care for two years, but it was in October 2012 that the newly trained Malawian team began to offer the full range of health and family support services to all families in the community. So far over 1000 families have received support. Some are parents wanting to learn new skills and get ideas about parenting techniques, "Mothers get together here to chat, and they'll talk about why it's not ok to smack children or how to help support their child's education. Sometimes they're learning new skills which will help them to earn a living; we've had bag making and basket making workshops. Most of the time it's all about getting a bit of confidence and peer support" explains George Furnival UK Coordinator. "The fact that every week 80 parents turn up to groups, just shows how much this centre is needed".



Vital vaccinations are now kept cool thanks to Gill Lee

Every week Mother Teresa Children's Centre gets very boisterous and loud when 70 Young Carers come along and learn about nutrition, hygiene and health. After the serious work, they just play! "It brings a tear to your eye to see 70 young people, all the poorest of the poor singing their hearts out and looking so joyful" George goes on to explain, "for most this will be the only time they have to relax and just be themselves, if the only thing this centre achieves is to help these young carers, I know we've done a great job".

But the centre is delivering so much more; there are stay and play groups, reading groups, home support and help getting to appointments. There's a weekly health clinic for babies, each child is weighed and vaccinated and thanks to Gill Lee, a keen Krizevac supporter the vaccinations are now all safely stored in a special fridge.

The latest development is that Café Tereza is now open to the public, selling low cost healthy food; the café generates money to help with childcare costs. You can "like" Café Tereza on their Facebook page, why not get involved and suggest recipes for Amos the newly recruited chef.



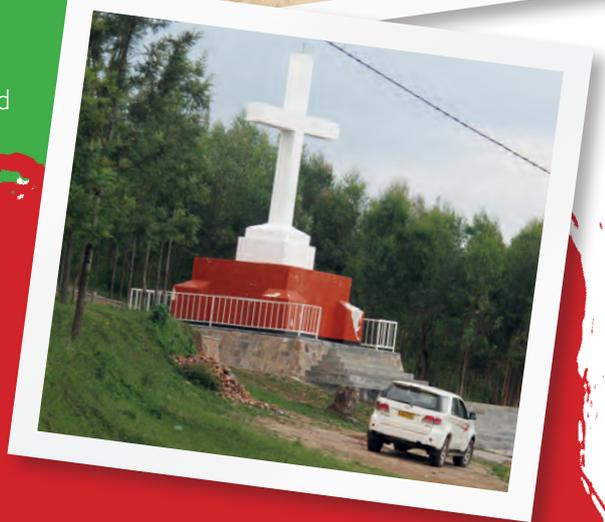
Meet Amos- a whole Beehive in one person

Amos is a great example of how Krizevac's biggest project- Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise, is transforming lives in Chilomoni Township.

Amos is a gifted and skilled carpenter, but he was in danger of having no work at all when his previous employer closed their business. Luckily there was a position available at Beehive and Amos is now helping to manage a busy carpentry workshop. The team have fitted out all of the new Beehive buildings, making doors, shelves and a whole library for the IT training academy.

Amos is a hard-working dad; he receives discounted child care so that Gracious, age 4, can attend the top quality nursery at Mother Teresa Children's Centre. his son just loves his new place to play! He arrives each morning in top-class style as Amos has also benefitted from a discounted Beebike. He's adapted his sturdy Royal Mail machine so that it has a safe child seat on the back.

So Beehive has provided a household with a livelihood, transport and children's education- truly transformative!



New Malawi Director

Krizevac Project welcomes Declan Somers, an experienced business leader from Ireland, Declan is joining the Krizevac team in February 2014. He'll be permanently based in Malawi to help expand and manage our activities there. Declan will be accompanied by his new wife, Aneta, they'll be living in our beautiful volunteers village along with all of our fantastic volunteers.

The Second Krizevac is Complete

We're proud and pleased to announce that the second "Krizevac", or Cross on the mountain, has now been constructed in Rwanda. Already blessed and welcomed by the Bishop and local community, the Cross marks the beginning of an exciting time for Krizevac as we learn about life in a second African country.



Declan Somers helps present a donated bike to the Chief of Chilomoni

Krizevac finds love!

Our congratulations go to Zoe our UK Resources manager and Yohane a former tutor at our IT training academy in Chilomoni. The happy couple met through Zoe's work in Malawi, they married on March 1st and have decided to settle here in the UK. "When I started to volunteer for Krizevac, I never knew it would transform my own life in such a happy way" a beaming Zoe tells us.



JCB Academy: Educating Engineers For Malawi

Jim Bailey, Director of Apprenticeships and Rebecca Norcup, Careers Advisor from the JCB Academy in Rocester, took a break from their day to day teaching activities to make the 5000 mile trip to the "warm heart of Africa". Both intrepid travellers were visiting Beehive Centre for Social Enterprise to help develop plans for our very own JCB Academy Malawi. "It was an incredible trip", Jim remembers, "it's impossible to tell the story of the work over here through newsletters and websites, I'm overwhelmed by how much has been achieved so far". Jim and Rebecca spent time visiting all Krizevac projects as well as visiting local families in their homes and learning about life in Malawi. "Jim and Rebecca have some great ideas for developing a curriculum for secondary vocational education so that young Malawians can learn the skills they need to become future industry leaders", Vince Owen Managing Director explains, "our vision is to transform opportunities for young people through education, exactly as the JCB Academy does here in the UK, who better to help us shape and achieve that vision."



Current Malawi Volunteer Vacancies:

We seek... an Architect, a Structural Design Engineer, a Children's Centre Manager, a Librarian, an IT Consultant and Early Years Specialists. If you're qualified, experienced, adventurous and full of joy, please contact us to find out more.



Thank yous and acknowledgments

We depend on the kind support of individuals and businesses in the UK and further afield to continue all our work. There are too many good people to thank individually, although we do thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Here are a few recent significant people who have helped us:

Mobal Communications, who donate 90% of all their profits to Krizevac Project

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Hanacell and Mobell Japan for their constant work

Royal Mail, for bicycle donations

JCB for advice, support and ongoing encouragement

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Eby Designs for generously donating the design work for our newsletters and leaflets

InspHire, for donating Nathan Lee for two weeks in Malawi

M J Barretts, Uttoxeter for donating a warehouse

KE Express, Swadlingcote for donating a warehouse

Tescos, for agree to collect books

All of our wonderful UK volunteers for book packing, container loading and generally putting up with us all!

Malawi volunteers in 2013: Declan Somers, Marketing Director, Michael O'Sullivan, Construction Manager. Willem Van Doorn, IT Consultant. John Shearman, Architect. John Makepeace, Small Enterprise Manager. Claire Eardley, Social Worker. Pamela Robertson, Architect. Malcolm Savage, Civil Engineer. Helen Chiula, Children's Centre Manager. Claire Luscombe, Childcare Trainer. Natalie Collins, Extended Schools Manager. Christopher Dawson, Construction Manager.

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