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## The Feeding of the 7200 By Rex Hoffman

**A**s a child, I grew up marveling at the story of Jesus' miracle of the feeding of the 5000 in Mathew 14 and John 6. Today I continue to be amazed by another of Jesus' miracles, the feeding of the 7200 in Malawi.

From December to March every year, Malawi experiences "the lean season." Others call it "the starving time." Some even call it "the dying time." During these four months the food harvested earlier that year has typically already been depleted, and the next crops are not ready to harvest until April.

During this time, food becomes very expensive and scarce. This yearly hardship only exacerbates Malawi's high child mortality rate, with one out of eight children not living beyond the age of five due to HIV, TB, malaria, and starvation.

Historically MoH has struggled to keep up with feeding the increasing numbers of children. In response to this dire situation, the Lord inspired Pete Barbano, a longtime MoH supporter from Hilton Head, SC, to organize and create the Lean Season Project in 2011.

The project started with feeding 650 children and has grown every year since then. Every year Pete leads the fundraising effort, typically traveling to Malawi in September to work with the Ministry of Hope staff to purchase the food and supplies. This food is supplemented by crops grown at the various centers using the solar irrigation systems. To date, Pete has made over 18 trips to Malawi to support rural communities.



This year Pete worked with MoH Executive Director Daniel Moyo to purchase 1340 (50 kg)

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## Baby Lazarus

Baby Lazarus came to the MoH Crisis Nursery at the age of two months, weighing just 8.25 pounds. He was rescued from a mentally unstable and abusive teenage mother who was unable to care for her baby. She was herself an orphan, with very little family support and no permanent home.

Lazarus was kept at the nursery until age four as the government Social Welfare office worked to resolve his case. Finally, in October 2024, Lazarus was discharged

from the Crisis Nursery to a foster family.

He left as a healthy, happy child, and has been attending preschool classes at a local church school. His case could have turned out very differently if not for the generous supporters who enabled him to find refuge at the crisis nursery.

Your support of the nursery provides excellent care, nutritious food, love, and a safe place to grow and develop.

Thanks to your gifts, Lazarus has a bright future!



*Baby Lazarus*



# A New Katondo Emerges

Innocent Chaona, Ministry of Hope's Center Director in Katondo, is hearing enthusiastic responses from villagers since the recent installation of a deep well, solar irrigation system, and a garden at the MoH community center there. "People say this is a new Katondo!" he said.

These improvements were undertaken by the Malawi Visions team from Liberty Corner, New Jersey, on their recent visit in September. By November, the village was seeing miraculous progress as the plants in the garden began to grow.



*The garden at Katondo*

This is a first for Katondo, as it is located in a very dry and rocky area. The solar irrigation system will allow for multiple growing seasons during the year, a scenario that is not common in Malawian farming communities.

The emerging plants in this picture

will eventually provide much needed food for the village children MoH serves, especially during the upcoming lean season.

We thank the Lord for the privilege of partnering with Malawi Visions as we seek together to show the love of Jesus to children by providing for their needs.



*Fresh tomatoes*

# Watching God Work

By Rex Hoffman

It has been exciting in 2024 to watch God work in the lives of MoH scholarship students and in the hearts of MoH scholarship donors.

I can see God work when I look at the increase in the number of MoH secondary school scholarship students from 295 in 2023

to 330 in 2024. Those numbers include an additional 35 students who now have the hope of breaking out of a life of poverty.

I can also see God working in the lives of many individual scholarship donors who increased their gifts to MoH when God touched their hearts to give.

In December 2023 MoH was struggling to pay the tuition of 295 Secondary scholarship students. Because of God moving in the hearts of donors, MoH has been able to increase that number and now supports 330 students.

Thank you for the way so many of you have shown the love of Jesus and thus played a role in transforming the lives of the students of MoH. Starting in January 2025, Ministry of Hope has another tuition bill for those 330 secondary students and 85 college students.

Please consider a gift to keep the students in school.



*Students in class*



*A recent graduate*



## Daniel Moyo Named as MoH Executive Director

**D**aniel Moyo has been appointed Executive Director of Ministry of Hope by the Malawi board of trustees after serving with the organization in various capacities for more than 22 years. He is one of the longest serving staff members of the ministry and will have oversight for all programs and personnel in Malawi.

Daniel has both a B.A. from African Bible College and a Masters Degree from the University of Leeds in Leadership and Change Management (2008). Daniel first volunteered with MoH in 2003 while a student at African Bible College in Lilongwe.

After graduating with honors in 2006, he began working at Ministry of Hope in managerial positions overseeing operations, the education program, donor relations, and a discipleship program that recruits volunteer students from African Bible College.

"The most rewarding experience with MoH has been sharing my life story as a testimony in inspiring the orphans and needy children to have faith and hope in Christ who has good plans and a good future for them," said Daniel.

Those who have worked with Daniel for years praise his strong mix of managerial and interpersonal skills. "He has the humility to get on the floor and care for the babies at the crisis nursery, and he can relate to the children and students in the villages," said Rex Hoffman, board chair



*Daniel Moyo, the new Executive Director of Ministry of Hope*

of MoH in the U.S. "He also has the cross-cultural awareness to be an effective ambassador with the ministry's international volunteers and supporters. We pray for continued blessings in his leadership of Ministry of Hope which touches tens of thousands of children and community members in Malawi."

Over the years Daniel said the most satisfying thing for him is getting to know

the children at the MoH centers and seeing their lives transformed. "My heart is filled with joy seeing so many that my life has been a part of through spiritual development programs, growing and graduating from primary, secondary and college and becoming responsible citizens of their communities. I hope some day they will become donors of MoH in the same ways as they are ambassadors."

## Lean Season - continued from page 1

bags of maize from local farmers and 171 (150 kg) bags of beans. Other items included firewood for cooking, 197 bottles of cooking oil, 840 bags of table salt, 572 bales of soya pieces, 133 bales of sugar, and 1007 cartons of soap, along with fertilizer and seed.

In the 2023-2024 lean season, MoH fed over 7200 children and vulnerable adults with a daily nutritional meal during the four-month time period. This consistent meal has become

a lifeline for many rural communities where villagers have nowhere else to turn. We are already looking ahead and anticipate even greater needs in the upcoming lean season.

In 2024 God provided over \$96,000 to meet this crucial need. Thank you to all of those who have already contributed to the Lean Season Project. God is using you to create a miracle, the daily feeding of thousands during this critical time every year.



## Ministry of Hope

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### Mission Statement

Ministry of Hope seeks to glorify God by reaching out to the orphans, widows, and the destitute with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, providing hope as we minister to their basic needs.

### Board of Directors

There are two Boards that direct the activities of Ministry of Hope. A Malawian Board directs operations in Malawi, and a U.S. Board promotes and supports the ministry within the United States.

In the U.S., the Ministry of Hope, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization located in Black Mountain, NC.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS that last a lifetime:

What better way to spread holiday cheer than to provide improved long-term prospects for those who have little? Gifts to orphans and the disadvantaged in Malawi bring great joy and the promise of a future. We invite you to prayerfully consider the Wish List below, knowing that you can make a huge impact in someone's life trajectory by meeting these basic needs.



## Ministry of Hope WISH LIST 2024

Your gift can provide:

### \$1,500 College or Trade School Scholarship (full year)

*providing self-sufficiency through career training*

### \$1,000 Mobile Medical Clinic - village visit

*exams and treatment for at least 250 children and adults*

### \$ 350 Secondary School (High School) Scholarship

*for a bright student for a full year (average cost)*

*- \$400 provides tuition, room & board to a top-tier school*

### \$ 250 Medicine Pack for the Mobile Medical Clinic

*obtained from pharmaceutical companies at a very low cost, providing beneficial medications for scores of patients*

### \$ 200 Lifesaving Medical Care for a crisis nursery baby

*hospital fees to save a critically ill infant*

### \$ 100 Nutritious Meals

*providing nearly 900 meals for orphans and vulnerable children*

### \$ 75 Books, Supplies and Transportation

*for a high school student*

### \$ 50 Fuel for the Mobile Medical Clinic vehicle

*to reach villages with no other medical care*

### \$ 25 Infant Formula and Supplies

*to nourish a crisis nursery baby for a week+*

### \$ 20 Medical Exams and Treatment

*for a family of 5 at a Mobile Medical Clinic visit*

Making a gift in honor of friends or family is another rewarding option. We have cards that we will provide to you, or we can send directly to those honored with your message. Contact Janet Wells at [jwellsministryofhope@gmail.com](mailto:jwellsministryofhope@gmail.com) or call (888) 625-2942 for assistance.

If your church has an Alternative Christmas Giving program, we can supply Ministry of Hope cards such as the one pictured, both in printed and electronic (E-mailable) versions.



There are many ways to give. You may use the attached remittance envelope, open this quick code, or go to [www.ministryofhope.org](http://www.ministryofhope.org) to donate online.

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