

WARM HEART MISSIONS MINISTRY AND PRAYER UPDATE

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Thank God for being able to see all that we have not yet been. We have had the vision, but we are not yet to the reality of it by any means. It is when we are in the valley, where we prove whether we will be the choice ones, that most of us turn back. We are not quite prepared for the bumps and bruises that must come if we are going to be turned into the shape of the vision. We have seen what we are not, and what God wants us to be, but are we willing to be battered into the shape of the vision to be used by God? The beatings will always come in the most common, everyday ways and through common, everyday people.

There are times when we do know what God's purpose is; whether we will let the vision be turned into actual character depends on us, not on God. If we prefer to relax on the mountain-top and live in the memory of the vision, then we will be of no real use in the ordinary things of which human life is made. We have to learn to live in reliance upon what we saw in the vision, not simply live in ecstatic delight and conscious reflection upon God. This means living the realities of our lives in the light of the vision until the truth of the vision is actually realized in us. Every bit of our training is in that direction. Let us learn to thank God for making His demands known.

Our little "I am" always sulks and pouts when God says do. Let our little "I am" be shriveled up in God's wrath and indignation – "I AM WHO I AM ... has sent me to you" (Exodus 3:14). He must dominate. Isn't it piercing to realize that God not only knows where we live, but also knows the gutters into which we crawl! He will hunt us down as fast as a flash of lightning. No human being knows human beings as God does.

WHEAMS' FIRST ANNIVERSARY – JULY 2012

Our Vision and History

What an incredible journey it has been to be part of the founding of a Christian school! As I reflect back over the past three years, I can see God's hand in so many areas that have prepared WHEAMS Christian Schools for this new phase in its growth and development. Great things are happening in the areas of staff development, preparations for infrastructural development, feeding, women empowerment and course offerings. We are poised for our best years yet as we mature in the special calling God has ordained for this school.

It all started in 2009, when the Lord began planting the vision WHEAMS in my heart. At first I had to ask, "Does Malawi really need another Christian school?" I was well aware of the strong presence of Christian Schools in our country and wanted to be sure that another school would not duplicate what was already available and thriving. As I searched the Lord's heart and mine, I realized that He had a very unique mission for this new school. Much of this distinction lies in what is called "Transformational Discipleship and Community Development." If this nation, or any other, desires growth and prosperity, much will depend on the quality of character of its people and the values they hold dear, and how well these are passed on to succeeding generations.

The Transformational Discipleship and Community Development have been revived very often for the purpose of restoring Malawi to her Christian heritage and standard of excellence. By educating ourselves and our children in the Biblical principles that formed our nation and affect every aspect of our lives, we will see Malawi as a truly God fearing nation.

WHEAMS schools are being established in response to Christ's great commission to "disciple the nations." The Biblical principles in our education can renovate the nation of Malawi and any institutions that embrace and implement this truth.

WHEAMS seeks to educate children from developmental pre-school through Form 4. We are having a distinct and lasting effect upon our community and our nation. Our mission is to assist parents in providing a wholly Christian education for their children. As you work your way through this website, I believe you will see the difference that WHEAMS education makes.

This ministry update is dedicated to the first graduation at WHEAMS School in Thukuta Village. Hence, almost all the articles will be pictorial with brief descriptions of some photos. Enjoy reading this:-



Figure 1Atupele (standing), one of the best students. He went away with a certificate and a number of awards. He looks poor but he is strangely intelligent. My prayer is that no circumstance shall be able to 'snatch' him of his bright future.



Figure 4Patricia Edwin is a little girl but she is brilliant. She is one of the girls that have qualified for primary school education. Her confidence to speak in public left most of us astonished. She was awarded for her cleanliness, among other things.



Figure 2This boy looks young, but he is very clever. He came out as one of the most intelligent and active children. He outsmarted his friends in many ways. You may think that putting his finger on his lips means that he is standing in silence. He is saying a prayer in English. Patrons were astonished at his ability to speak in public, in a foreign language. His future is brighter than his financial ability.



Figure 5Mrs. Sarah Ndovie, the teacher, making her graduation speech before certificates were issued. On her left sat the Village Headman, listening attentively. She thanked the children for doing well, their parents for encouraging and supporting their efforts to go to school, WHEAMS and partners for making the education programme in Thukuta Village a reality. She also thanked God for enabling all stakeholders to do what they had done for the children to finish their first year in pre-school at Thukuta. Then she started calling names of the first graduates for WHEAMS Schools at Thukuta Village, and in Malawi. The Village Headman was asked to present the certificates on behalf of WHEAMS. It was a stylish, yet momentous event.



Figure 3Pilirani Beyadi (standing) is very intelligent. It is not surprising that he was rated number 1 in class. He was also the smartest boy throughout the year. He received about five awards, each with a gift. He was a marvel to watch and to listen to. His parents fell short of words when the teacher pronounced his abilities. It is obvious that he is going to go far with his education, given an opportunity.



Figure 6The Village Headman (Mr. Yohane Mbewe) presenting certificates of completion to deserving children, while Sarah proudly looks on. It was a historic moment

for people in Thukuta Village. This was the first graduation ceremony for almost all parents. We are thankful to God for bringing us thus far.



Figure 7 This little boy holds his first certificate in life. This is the beginning of a long journey in his life. Looking at the way both parents and children were holding the certificates; we decided to laminate them for safety.



Figure 8 Mary Chitseko was on position number 2. She is intelligent and has a bright future. It is hoped that she will be supported in her educational efforts and that nothing will stand in her way.



Figure 9 She may be shy but she performs wonders. This little girl does things beyond her age. She is a great thinker. May God grant that she should become what she was created for.



Figure 10: This lady was rewarded for her hardworking spirit as a volunteer. She was commended for her commitment to fetching water, firewood, and/or cooking porridge for the children even when it is not her turn. Whenever she saw a gap, she was willing and available to fill it without waiting for someone to tell her. We need more of such people in this community.



Figure 11 Graduating students showing their certificates. These are 15 out of the 18 children who qualified for primary school education. In September 2012 they will go to a primary school of their parents' choice to start their Standard 1. What a joyous and memorable day!!

NAMES OF KIDS WHO RECEIVED PRIZES/AWARDS:

A. SMART KIDS

- Madalitso Makuluni
- Sympathy
- Marvelous Mwale
- Peter Edwin
- Joyce Francisco
- Mary Chitseko
- Linda Matiyasi

B. FREQUENTLY PRESENT KIDS TO SCHOOL

- Trywell Mwale
- Marvelous Mwale
- Chisomo Francisco
- Joyce Francisco
- Patricia Edwin
- Peter Edwin
- Duncan Kwachama
- Vaida Misokwe
- Rachel Kamowa
- Pilirani Beyadi

C. CLEVER/ACTIVE KIDS

- Jenifer Amos
- Promise Chitseko

D. INTELLIGENT KIDS

- Pilirani Beyadi
- Mary Chitseko
- Madalitso Makuluni
- Atupere Mataya
- James Mataya

E. GRADUATES FROM RECEPTION CLASS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL/GRADUATES

- Pilirani Beyadi
- Mary Chitseko
- Atupere Mataya
- Trywell Mwale
- Chisomo Francisco
- Patricia Edwin
- Alinafe Banda
- John James
- Fatima Edson
- Andrea Matiyasi
- Aaron Nyadani
- Akondaawo Kadam'manja
- Chifuniro Jonasi
- Brian Isaac
- Ironie Martin
- Steven Dzimkomere
- Joy Nambazo

CONCLUSION

It is evident that the WHEAMS School has already started impacting lives in Thukuta Village. By and by, adults have started seeing education as an important preparation for their children's future. Unlike in July 2011 when the programme was beginning, now many parents take their kids to school before they go to their own businesses or daily assignment. Sanitation is slowly becoming part of the lives of some community members. New pit latrines have been dug and build; and are being used. Use of safe drinking water is now a big issue. Through the women empowerment programme people have begun to realize that "it is better to be taught how to catch fish than to be given fish". We are grateful to God for enabling such positive changes in the lives of the people.

As I close, let me call upon you to pray sincerely for this ministry. I still am convinced that it is only when we grow with these children and impact their lives that their generation is going to be different. Pray that we will be able to open Standard 1 and Form 1 come September 2012. Pray that we will be able to find resources to construct/build sufficient blocks for the two classes before 3rd September 2012. Please, do pray for wisdom as we implement every phase of the vision God has given us. And please, let us know what God is communicating to you in this regard.

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