

# Lifeline Malawi

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## Look at all that God has done!



Richard Boileau and Chris Brooks with shipment of medicines on driveway.



Dr. Chris Brooks with "Enoch" his new 4x4 truck.



Watson and Chief

### MORE MEDICINES ARRIVE

Thanks to **H.P.I.C. (Health Partners International of Canada)**, Lifeline Malawi received another shipment of desperately needed medicines in April of this year. Richard Boileau, Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Public Affairs, for this Canadian non-profit medical agency was on hand to personally witness the excitement as Dr. Chris Brooks took possession of the donated medicines which were worth approximately \$320,000. CDN. For HPIC, this collaboration effort marks the latest in a growing list of joint projects between HPIC and Lifeline Malawi. To quote their President, John Kelsall, "I have deep admiration for what Lifeline Malawi is doing in Africa. I have been to Africa recently and know the difficult working conditions and the immense need of the people. Those who serve in Africa are to be commended."

### MORE PARTNERSHIPS

Thanks to **IDA (International Dispensary Association)** which is a Netherland based non-profit organization dedicated to supplying non-profit agencies and NGO's with low-cost medications and operating supplies (bandages, needles, sutures, etc.). Through Samaritan's Purse's contribution of approximately \$25,000 CDN, Lifeline Malawi was able to place an order with IDA that would complete our total pharmaceutical needs to treat our patients for another year. These operating supplies along with other medicines, such as those needed to treat Malaria, were quickly put into our new Pharmacy and prescribed to our ever increasing patient base.

### CHRIS RECEIVES NEW TRUCK

Thanks to one of our Paris partners, Lifeline Malawi received \$15,000 US to be used to purchase a new 4x4 for Dr. Brooks. In accordance with tradition, this new addition to the Lifeline Family is fondly referred to as "Enoch". Why Enoch? Because he came after "Abraham", who was the first and now soon to be retired truck. With this new Toyota Hilux, Dr. Brooks will have no trouble visiting the Ngodzi Health Clinic, even in the rainy season when all the rural roads become a sea of mud.

### LOCAL LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

In June of this year, during a time of celebration, we received high praise from the Ngodzi Village Senior Chief Ndindi and Traditional Authority Kambalame. They formalized their support for Lifeline Malawi by forwarding a glowing letter of reference to the National Aids Commission indicating their endorsement for our HIV/AIDS funding proposal. Our intent is to enhance our current "Center of Excellence" which primarily treats the inter-current diseases related to HIV/AIDS by aligning our strategy with the National Aid Commission in Malawi, whereby we become one of the new ARV delivery sites which provide a standardized ARV therapy to HIV-positive persons.



*The Boettcher family - Sonya, Stephanie, Adrian, Andy and Timothy*



*Water running at the Ngodzi clinic for the first time.*



*The clinic is now seeing approximately 2,200 patients a month.*



*New board member, Dr. Mike Stewart, in "action" at the Ngodzi clinic.*



*New duplex nurse's residence currently under construction.*

### **EXECUTIVE FIELD DIRECTOR**

Thanks to the Board's perseverance through three possible candidates, Andy Boettcher, former Client Delivery Executive with EDS Canada, finally accepted the challenge of this key leadership role. With only two (2) months to prepare, he and his family moved from Calgary to Lilongwe in August. Although Andy has relinquished his role as Chairman of the Board, he will continue to hold the title of President, thus providing overall leadership for field operations within Malawi and contributing value to the organization by working with partner organizations, local, regional and national government agencies and the NGO community at large within the region of South Central Africa.

### **WE HAVE WATER**

Finally, we have running water in operation at the Lifeline Ngodzi Health Centre (LNHC) – to God be all the glory! Water is running for the first time out of every tap in every building on the site for the first time since the bore hole was drilled and all the infrastructure was installed – over 18 months. There was much celebration between Chris and Andy, Watson, our project team, our nurses Violet and Mar. Even Moses was rejoicing, despite being home with a bad case of chicken pox. Chris was so overcome with joy that he not only climbed up to the top of the water tower to watch the tank fill up, he also took the first shower with running water in the mission house men's bathroom.

### **DEDICATED STAFF**

Thanks to the endless efforts of our clinical staff, the clinic is now seeing approximately 2,200 patients per month. Our nurses Violet and Mary are now supported by additional clinical staff such as nursing assistants and government funded Health Surveillance Assistants, thus enabling the clinic to treat over 100 patients every day. It looks as though we are going to need more space!

### **MORE HANDS ON DECK**

In July, the organization welcomed Dr. Michael Stewart, a Calgary chiropractor, as a new Board Member. Mike, a "seasoned" short term missionary who has led teams to such places as Guatemala, will be taking voluntary leadership over the short term mission's portfolio of the organization. He quickly embraced the opportunity for more "field" experience by joining the Samaritan's Purse team which left for Ngodzi, Malawi on Oct 16th. Samaritan's Purse is assisting with the construction of a duplex (nurses' residence) for which they have provided 2/3 funding. (approx. \$20,000 CDN).

### **OPPORTUNITY**

Lifeline Malawi is currently seeking new Board members. If you are interesting in pursuing this governance opportunity, please e-mail [garyhendrick@lifelinemalawi.com](mailto:garyhendrick@lifelinemalawi.com).

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