

# Your Sponsor A School Report

Toleza Primary School, Balaka, Southern Malawi

Sponsored by The Catholic Partnership of Parishes of Biddulph, Goldenhill, Kidsgrove and Packmoor (Our Lady of Grace Partnership of Parishes)

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# Thank you for changing lives!

You're doing something amazing! By providing a daily meal for every child in your chosen school, you're giving young people in one of the world's poorest countries the chance to gain an all-important education, without the distraction of hunger.

Without your support, these children could be working in fields, begging on street corners, or even scavenging among the garbage just to survive.

It is thanks to the generosity of people like you that Mary's Meals has gone from feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002, to providing 1,425,013 children across 18 countries with a life-changing meal every school day.

Thank you for giving so generously to Mary's Meals and choosing to sponsor an entire school. We're very excited to share with you this report on your project!



A quick reminder about our work and our approach...

- Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works. Daily meals served in a place of education attract chronically poor children into the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty.
- Mary's Meals began in 2002 when our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When he asked her eldest son, Edward, what his dreams were in life. He replied simply: "To have enough food to eat and to go to school one day."
- Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.



# About Mary's Meals

- The average global cost of feeding a child for a whole school year with Mary's Meals is just £13.90 / €15.60 / \$19.50.
- Mary's Meals feeds 1,425,013 children in 18 countries around the world every school day.
- Research shows that schools where children receive Mary's Meals have higher enrolment, better attendance and improved academic performance.
- We are committed to keeping overhead costs low – at least 93% of donations are spent on our charitable work.
- Mary's Meals is a grassroots global movement. Without passionate, motivated volunteers, our work would not be possible.



# About Mary's Meals

- Mary's Meals is owned and run by local communities, who cook and serve the meals. We have more than 80,000 volunteers in Malawi alone.
- Wherever possible, our meals are made with locally-grown food, which helps to boost the local economy.
- Our global headquarters is run from a shed in a remote part of the Scottish Highlands.
- Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty.
- Mary's Meals is a non-denominational charity, which consists of, respects and reaches out to people of all faiths and none.



# Mary's Meals in Malawi

Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries, with one in four people living in extreme poverty. It is also one of the worst hit by HIV and AIDS. More than a million children in Malawi have been orphaned by the disease.

Malawi was the first country to benefit from our school feeding programme and this remains our largest programme country. Today, with your help, we're providing meals to around 30% of all primary school-age children across the country!

Ndasalatati, 11, is just one of the children in Malawi who receives Mary's Meals in school. He lives with his parents and three siblings and travels a long distance to get to school each day. The food he receives from Mary's Meals gives him the energy to learn.

He told us: "Porridge makes me feel full. I do better in lessons and I pass my exams now that I can concentrate in class."



# Your sponsorship details

School name: Toleza Primary School, Balaka, Southern Malawi

Sponsored by: The Catholic Partnership of Parishes of Biddulph, Goldenhill, Kidsgrove and Packmoor (Our Lady of Grace Partnership of Parishes), Mary's Meals UK

## Country



Malawi

## Enrolment



796 pupils

380 boys

416 girls

## Meal



Vitamin-enriched  
maize porridge

# Location of your school





# About your school

Toleza Primary School now has 796 pupils enrolled, made up of 380 boys and 416 girls. The children range from Standards 1 to 8.

There are 8 permanent classrooms at the school and the pupils are taught by a total of 12 teachers. The school's water source is a borehole in the school grounds, which is very close to the kitchen, and there are 12 pit latrine toilets on site.

In addition to a maize garden, the school has a football pitch and a netball court for the children to use.



“I eat phala because my stomach becomes full. I also becomes strong when I eat porridge. I want to be a Doctor when I grow up to treat patients at the hospital. My best subjects are Agriculture and English.”

– **Naomi Paliyani, 10 Years Old, Standard 5**

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“I eat porridge at school because they don't prepare breakfast for us at home. My favourite subjects are English and Chichewa.”

– **Chinsinsi Ganusi, 8 Years Old, Standard 2**

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“It feels just like at home preparing food for my children and their friends, I always encourage learners to eat Soya porridge because the children will gain weight, grow and becomes attentive in class.”

– **Madalena Makwangwala, Volunteer Cook**

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“In our area, these learners are able to come to school because of the porridge that is prepared every morning every day, classes and learners are progressing making class management easier.”

– **Panganani Semu, Teacher**

# The sign at your school



# Photos from your school



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Summary  
The first malawi cabinet  
from left is: Augustine  
bwanansi, Otton chinwa,  
Dr. Hastings kamukama





# Photos from your school



6TH FEBRUARY 2019

FROM: TOLEZA FULL PRIMARY SCHOOL C/O  
POST OFFICE BOX 354 BALAKA

TO: THE SPONSOR

LETTER OF APPRECIATION


We write to express our gratefulness to the services you offer to this school in the feeding programme.

The programme is having positive impact on a Malawian child both physically and academically.

Physically in the sense that the porridge is full of nutritious ingredients which suppresses stunted growth in our children.

Academically in the sense that learners attend to school activities with stable mind making them to concentrate in all lessons actively.

Looking forward to your continued good services

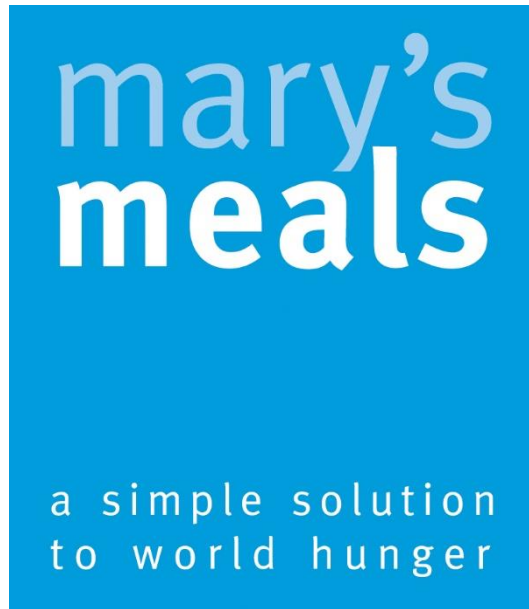
Yours faithfully  
  
McDONALD N'CHIKWANJE - HIT

THE HEADTEACHER  
TOLEZA FP SCHOOL  
DATE: 6/02/19  
P.O. BOX 33  
BALAKA

Thank you so much!

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