

I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU, LORD, WITH ALL MY HEART;  
I WILL TELL OF ALL YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS. PSALMS 9:1 NIV



# heart to heart

## NEWSLETTER

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Jehovah Jireh Project - Loving the Orphans of Kasungu, Malawi

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We thank God for this new year the Lord has given to us. He has trusted us to look after the orphans whom He has hidden great things, which we can not see. God will reveal himself to the world through them. God has called us to look after them. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world," James 1:27.

**Farming** - We thank God for the farming idea. We did not have to buy any food in 2024. Food is very, very expensive in Malawi. I thank God because the maize (corn) is doing well.

**Animals** - All of the animals are doing well. We had some problems during the rainy season with disease and lost 4 goats and 3 pigs because of heavy rains.

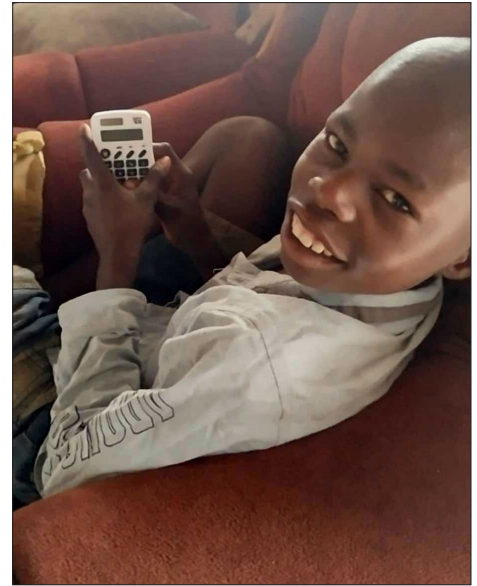
**Damage from the Rainy Season** - We thank God for always providing for us. During the rainy season, wind destroyed many things and we

trusted the Lord for repairing them and, indeed, God did it. We repaired homes, water house, the Kohola (barn) and storage.

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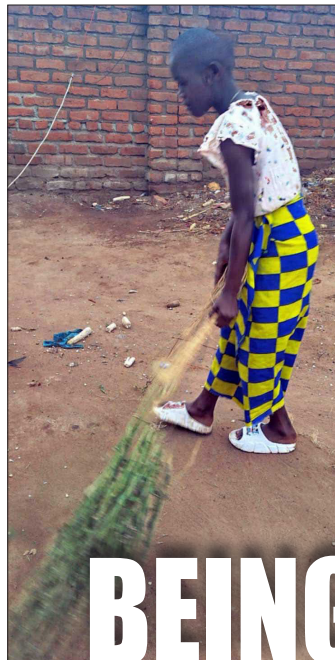
Grace cleaning pots



Timothy is amazing! He can fix radios and other small things like this calculator.



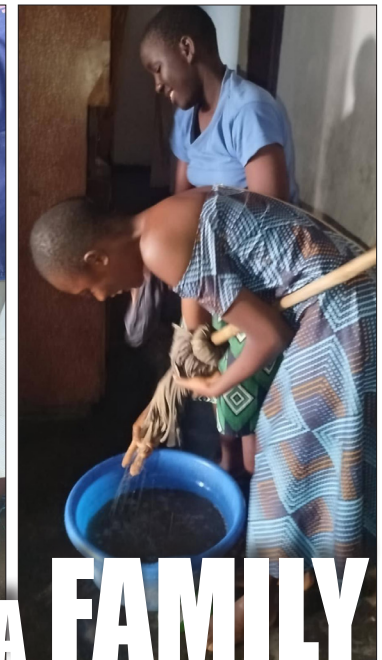
Mafunasy and Grace are playing with an Etch-A-Sketch from an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.



Emily is sweeping around the house.



Esther putting charcoal on the fire to cook.



Teleza and Shamim mopping in the house.

# BEING PART OF A FAMILY

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,  
and he will reward them for what they have done. ~ PROVERBS 19:17





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## OUR MOTIVATION

Matthew 25:34-36

## OUR VISION

To provide Christ-centered solutions to help the poor and underprivileged living in poverty in Kasungu, Malawi, Africa become financially self-sufficient followers of Christ so that they may be able to disciple others.

## OUR MISSION

A Judeo-Christian ministry designed to show the love of Christ by providing relief for the poor, the distressed, and underprivileged in Kasungu, Malawi, Africa. Focus is primarily on housing, food, clothing, shelter, potable water, faith-based education, vocational training and other assistance to become financially self-sufficient.



# From Ruins to Restoration: The Story of Nehemiah and the Power of Collective Action

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The crumbling walls of Jerusalem were more than just a symbol of a city in disrepair; they represented a broken people, vulnerable and exposed. News of this devastation reached Nehemiah, a man of influence serving King Artaxerxes in the Persian court. He could have remained comfortable in his position, detached from the distant tragedy. Instead, the news ignited a fire within him. He didn't just hear the report; he felt it, a deep ache for his people. Nehemiah turned to God. He didn't offer a quick, perfunctory request; he wrestled with God, confessing the sins of his people and pleading for divine intervention. This act of humility and faith set the stage for an extraordinary story of leadership, resilience, and the transformative power of collective action.

God answered Nehemiah's prayer, granting him favor in the king's eyes. Permission was granted, resources were allocated, and Nehemiah, armed with royal authority and a divine purpose, journeyed to Jerusalem. He arrived not as a conquering hero, but as a servant, ready to rebuild not just physical walls, but the shattered spirit of a community. He understood that this monumental task was beyond the capabilities of any single person. He needed the priests, the Levites, the merchants, the craftsmen – every member of the community who remained in the city – to unite and contribute their unique skills and talents. He inspired them with a vision of a restored Jerusalem, a place of God's favor and their renewed identity. Something we may overlook when reading this story is that this included, undoubtedly, the care for the most vulnerable, the orphans, who would have been particularly susceptible in a city without defenses. Just as the walls needed rebuilding, so did the lives of these children, requiring the

community to support them, providing shelter, food, and a sense of belonging.

The challenge was immense. The physical labor was daunting, and the opposition was fierce. Sanballat, Tobiah, and other neighboring officials mocked and threatened, attempting to demoralize the workers and sabotage the rebuilding efforts. They recognized that a unified Jerusalem posed a threat to their own power and influence. Nehemiah, however, refused to be intimidated. He masterfully organized the work, assigning specific sections of the wall to different groups, fostering a sense of ownership and shared responsibility. He instilled courage in the hearts of the workers, reminding them that they were not merely rebuilding a wall, but participating in a sacred act, a testament to their faith and their commitment to one another. He even armed the workers, so they could defend themselves against attack while continuing their labor. And while they built, they also cared. The strength of the community was demonstrated not only in the raising of stones, but also in the raising of children, ensuring that the orphans were integrated into the rebuilding process, given tasks suited to their age and abilities, and offered the security they desperately needed.

And they worked. Side by side, rich and poor, young and old, they labored tirelessly, driven by a common purpose. The sound of hammers and chisels echoed through the city, replacing the silence of desolation. Incredibly, in just 52 days, the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt. This remarkable feat stands as a testament to the power of unity and the unwavering determination

of a people inspired by righteous leadership. This rapid rebuilding protected not only the city, but also the vulnerable within its walls, offering them safety and a future.

Nehemiah's leadership extended beyond the physical reconstruction. He served as governor of

**Nehemiah**, continued on next page

## FINANCES

JAN 1 - APRIL 30, 2025

Beginning Balance .....	\$7,792.73
Income .....	\$16,526.00
Subtotal .....	\$24,318.73
Total Expenses .....	\$18,940.00
Ending Balance .....	\$5,378.73

### EXPENSES

1/6/25 .....	\$3,450.00
<i>Water damage from flood, material and labor for new water tank</i>	
1/28/25 .....	\$2950.00
<i>Monthly Expenses for Jan</i>	
2/24/25 .....	\$2750.00
<i>Monthly Expenses for Feb.</i>	
3/21/25 .....	\$3050.00
<i>Monthly Expenses for March, Plus extra monies provided by sponsors</i>	
4/10/25 .....	\$2150.00
<i>Harvest Expenses</i>	
4/23/25 .....	\$1050.00
<i>2nd Semester School Fees</i>	
4/28/25 .....	\$18,940.00
<i>Monthly Expenses for April, Land lease for next harvest</i>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>

**SOUP & SANDWICH FUNDRAISER**



**\$2,200.00 Raised**

## 2024 Totals

Income .....	\$54,163.12
<i>(from Sponsorships, In-kind Donations &amp; Fundraising)</i>	
Expenses .....	\$49,838.87
Net .....	\$4,324.25

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## Board Meeting Highlights

JAN 1 - MAR 31, 2025

Board Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the New Philadelphia Nazarene Youth Building. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

### DISCUSSIONS:

- Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser
- Jan 21 presentation to the Church
- Bringing Justin back in July 2025, event ideas and housing
- Banquet date set for July 12, 2025
- Justin to speak at July Men's Breakfast

## ONLY 4 More Children in Need of Sponsors

**Would you prayerfully consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring one of these children?**

By sponsoring a child at Jehovah Jireh Project Malawi, you help provide a safe place, food, clothing and education for a child living in poverty. **Co-sponsorships are just \$20 per month and a full sponsorship is \$40 per month. Together we can make a difference!**



**Favour**

Age 15

Favour loves to read the Bible and is excellent in Bible knowledge.



**Alina**

Age 15

Alina doesn't have father and mother. She stays with relatives. She likes praying and singing.



**Aluna**

Age 15

Aluna loves to go to Christ's Love Church. She also loves to cook.



**Isaac**

Age 15

Isaac is a boy full of joy and jokes! He is in High School. He lives with a sister.

## Save The Date July 12, 2025

Annual banquet at New Phila Nazarene Church

Pastor Justin Banda will be here to share what's happening at JJP-Malawi!

### Nehemiah, continued from previous page

Judah for twelve years, implementing crucial reforms. He understood that true restoration required not just physical rebuilding, but also a spiritual and moral renewal. He championed the cause of the vulnerable, ensuring that the orphans and widows were cared for, that justice was upheld, and that the community lived according to God's law.

The story of Nehemiah resonates across millennia because it speaks to the fundamental human need for community and purpose. It demonstrates the immense power of working together for a common good. When God's children unite, sharing

their resources, talents, and gifts, they can achieve what seems impossible. Nehemiah's leadership exemplifies how one person, filled with faith and vision, can inspire others to rise above their circumstances and contribute to something greater than themselves.

Nehemiah's story also underscores the vital role of righteous leadership. He wasn't just a builder; he was a shepherd, guiding his people back to God and to one another. He understood that true strength lies not in individual achievement, but in collective giving. His legacy reminds us that we are all called to be builders, not just of physical

structures, but of communities, relationships, and lives. Just as Nehemiah inspired the people of Jerusalem to rebuild their walls and care for their orphans, we are called to build up our world and care for the vulnerable among us, near and far. By working together, supporting one another, and striving for a common good, we can, like the people of Jerusalem, rebuild our own broken places and create communities where God's loving hands reach every person, including the orphan, and ensure that each has a safe place to call home and a community to call family.





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teaching them a trade so that they can be  
self sufficient.  
Lastly I encourage everyone to tell all people  
who are supporting children to respond to the  
letters these children send to you. They mean  
more than you know!  
God bless you so much, we love you and we  
always pray for you See you soon.  
Yours in Jesus Name,  
*Justin Banda*

3. Preparation and protection from mosquitoes  
to prevent attacks of malaria.  
4. We are required by the government, who gave  
us the water tank, to build a fence around the  
homes for protection by the end of the year.  
5. We are teaching tailoring (sewing) in the  
community and to about 20 children who  
will be graduating in early June. We are  
in need of more sewing machines, as we  
only have 4. We cannot support everyone  
who needs help, but we can help them by

The church was also affected by the winds  
but until it's rebuilt we are in a shelter. We are  
praying that God will give us people that can  
rebuild like Nehemiah.  
**This year's needs:**  
1. Renting a truck to move maize from the  
farm to the homes is costly. The issue of the  
purchase of a truck is still on my heart.  
2. Clothes, blankets and coats for the  
approaching cold season

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