

27th September, 2012

FROM: The Headteacher
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TO: Christian Liebig Foundation

Dear Brothers and Sisters

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I write this letter on behalf of members of the Community, staff and learners at the above stated school to:

- a. Appreciate
- b. Give a brief background of the school
- c. The role Christian Liebig Foundation has played to improve the life of an ordinary child to access quality education here at Mpalapata School.

This school was opened in February 1998 with total school enrolment of 78. 44 Boys and 34 girls. Classes: 1 to 3 (a junior primary sch) with only one teacher. Learning in a grass thatched church, temporary shelter and another class under a tree.

Since then the school has been struggling to its survival due to challenges faced by the school as:

- a. No permanent structures
- b. Shortfall of teachers
- c. Inadequate learning materials etc

The hope of the school's survival came in, when The District Education Manager by then Mrs ELLEN SIMANGO called me, informing that she is coming with Mr K. Manyozo, the programme Manager of GOPA and other delegates on 27th December, 2007 for preparation of School construction financed by Christian Liebig Foundation.

The organisation approved the construction of:

3 school blocks with 2 classrooms each.

4 learners toilets with 4 rooms each.

1 Administration block composed with, Headteachers office, Store room and a staff room.

1 Toilet block with 4 rooms for staff both for males and female teachers.

2 Teachers houses with a latrine each.

Indeed all these facilities were constructed and are beautiful structures, out of 18 primary schools in our zone, it's the most beautiful school.

The school was also supplied by learners desks, teachers chairs, tables in each classrooms and in administration block.

These good looking structures were officially handed over to Malawi government in a colourful ceremony spiced by: poems, parade, drama by learners community members, local community attended the function too.

Nazan Ecker, Beatrice Keysecursk, RTL team and Natasha Mkandawire witnessed the ceremony representing Christian Liebig Foundation on 02nd October, 2009 Mrs Ellen Simango (District Education Manager)

Mr CPJ Mipando (DESK OFFICER) Mrs E.M Khalapwa (Pea) Peter Kwakwala, Elda Manthimba (Peas) received the most beautiful built school in the zone on behalf of Malawi government.

Apart from school structures the school has benefited in a number of ways from Christian Liebig Foundation as:

1. Feeding programme which enables learners to learn comfortably as others comes to school with empty stomach.
2. Promotion of classes from standard 1-3, now stand 1-8 (last level of our primary education) Primary School Leaving examination 2011-2012 school session and it is the first examination since the school was established.

21 Candidates sat for the examination, 12 passed, 2 (Twin sisters) one passed to Christian Liebig Secondary School another to Mdeke Secondary School but they are orphans Cared by a grandmother.

Point of correction
613

3 Involvement increased from the previous figures to: 272 boys 251 girls
Total 523 (meanwhile 613)

4. As of this date number of teachers has increased to 11, 8 males and 3 females.
5. Christian Liebig Foundation has assisted as more highly, you are the mother for Mpalapata.
6. Learners have been receiving, T. Shirts, bags, 11 flesh soap powder, pens, crayon, toothbrushes and paste, football, netball, games, babies shoes, clothes for babies numerous to mention not

forgetting Library books, text books donated by Mr and Mrs Schumacher.

And bicycles we have just received them recently. In all, learners, Community of Mpalapata School, Staff members are greatly appreciating the role Christian Liebig Foundation has played and continue to play at this school. With the effort initiated has enabled an ordinary poor Malawian child access primary education under a conducive environment.

Before winding up let me also thank Beatrice nicknamed by Mpalapata Community as Amayi a Mpalapata School (meaning the mother of Mpalapata school) in our local language chibwena.

I believe she spends sleepless nights each and every day and the Christian Liebig partners on what she can offer to improve education at Mpalapata.

She deserve to be a true, loving mother.

For CHRISTIAN LIEBIG may his soul rest in peace for through his name, poor, ordinary Malawian child is able access primary education at Mpalapata.

NATASHA- CLF should believe that you gave us a hard working, humble, understanding, intelligent with good managerial skills.

Wishing the organisation all the best

Yours faithfully

Lawrence Kacholola



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