

Changing girls' lives in Malawi

Secondary education for girls in Satemwa area



Many girls in Malawi face real challenges to complete secondary education. A tradition of early marriage persists, which can eliminate the prospect of finishing school, let alone time at a university. UNICEF reports that nearly 50% of Malawian girls marry before the age of 18, in spite of this now being technically illegal. Rare Charity was started by Henrietta Lovell, founder of Rare Tea Company, which works with the Satemwa Tea Garden. Since 2019, when full operations began, the charity's work grew under the

management of local parishioner Daisy Belfield Santos, who had previously worked for five years in Malawi as a teacher and in cultural education.

In the short time it has been operating, Rare Charity has already funded the higher education of 23 scholars, and 15 girls are currently being supported in secondary school. In addition to school fees, accommodation and meals are funded, together with a uniform and essential supplies. A tailored mentorship programme provides further support, with motivation, counselling and advice on career pathways provided to all on the programme, many of whom are exceptionally vulnerable.

An important part of the programme is that a significant number of graduates return to their community. Already, six graduates have returned to the Satemwa area as qualified professionals – as midwives, clinicians, teachers and business leaders.

In UK terms, the costs of supporting a student are very low. For only £3,500 four girls can receive a full year's secondary tuition, and if we can raise this amount Rare Charity will ensure that funds are available to carry on their education for the full 4 year term. So the impact of your donations is considerable, and the impact on the community is just as high.



We think this is an excellent project to support!

Please give this important project your support—you can donate by bank transfer:

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Object of funding	Secondary schooling for girls in Malawi
Beneficiaries	At least 4 girls and their families
Target amount requested	£3,500
Programme location	Malawi
Rare Charity's website	https://www.rarecharity.com/

25 years of Covenant with the Poor

The first projects of our parish Covenant with the Poor team started in 1998, with support for Operation Heart working in Bosnia. Since then projects have been funded in areas as diverse as India, South Africa, Palestine, Eritrea, Guatemala, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Ghana, Afghanistan, Philippines, Bolivia, Turkey, Syria, Anguilla, Kenya and Zambia. Beneficiaries closer to home include Emmaus, Basics Bank, Winchester GoLD, Medaille Trust, the Sisters of St Lucy, Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group. **Over the past 10 years alone over £230,000 has been raised by the parish—a remarkable total!**

Update on Firefly in Syria

You raised £4,521.64 in June 2020 for the work of Firefly International in the refugee camps in Syria and adjoining areas of Turkey. The dreadful earthquake in February 2023 caused extensive damage, but the buildings used in Antakya survived, while most of the accommodation in Syria was tented. *'During March, over a thousand children attended workshops in northern Syria. It is wonderful to see the return of our education services after their disruption by the earthquake and the continuing growth in take-up by local families. In Turkey the Syrian refugee children are almost all now living in tented camps. There are ten different camps around Antakya where our headquarters used to be. We have set up applied science activities, where children can drop into our science workshops.'*



Update on Borehole in Zambia

You raised £5,099.22 in February 2021 to provide a borehole for the Luanga Valley community in Zambia. The borehole became operational in November 21—here are some pictures of the result.

