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STORIES FROM THE FIELD

International Women's Day

In March, around the world, we recognized International Women's Day. Together, we can celebrate the accomplishments at Kuwala Christian Girls School, where young girls are on their way to achieving an education that will lift them towards a better life. Thanks to you, this is happening!

If you educate a boy, you educate an individual. If you educate a girl, you educate a community.

African Proverb.





Government COVID19 Response team at Kuwala.

Kuwala has been registered in Malawi and is now officially a school recognized in Lilongwe Rural West's Division. It is an exciting achievement. It provides identification and our school's ability to become active within the school division and be selected to participate in many pilot projects for education. One of the opportunities from this registration was that Kuwala was a chosen school for Covid 19 screening. Good news; all of the girls on campus tested negative.





Lucy raising the roof! She will be featured on our Raise the Roof campaign.

The school continues to work towards becoming an examination school. This designation would allow our girls to remain at the campus to write their National exams, avoiding the travel time and expense to attend at another exam location. The St Peter's Assembly Hall is an impressive facility with a capacity to host 200 people. This building will become a beacon of light for the school and the surrounding community.

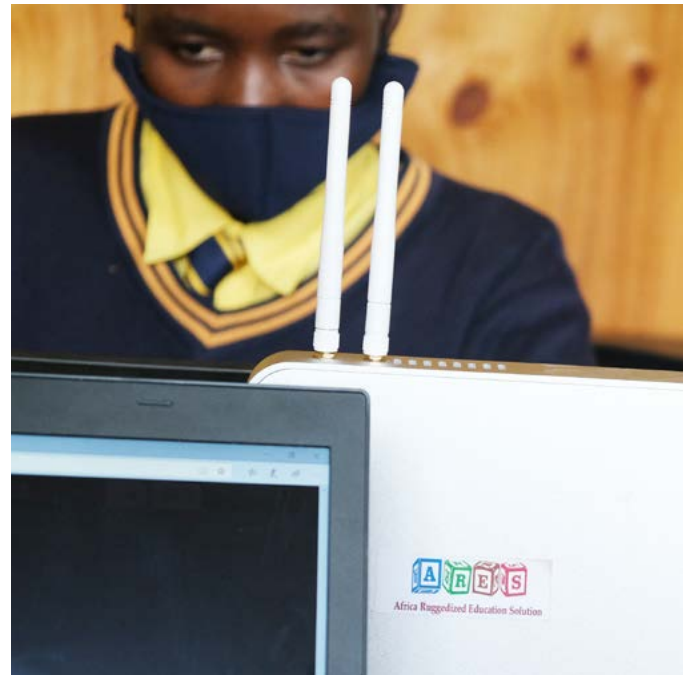
Through this generous contribution and vision from a Lutheran church congregation in Manitoba, Kuwala can now qualify to become a host examination location for other Malawi schools. Our goal, to become a recognized school of excellence is becoming a reality.



Image shows St. Peter's dining hall steel roof truss construction and the surrounding greenery.

Computers are providing a path for a future.

Computers donated to Kuwala are providing a path for the girls to learning the basics in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The school is using a teaching system called **ARES, African Ruggedized Education Solution**. ARES is a small server packed with software, providing access to so many different educational materials. This rugged little server can work all day on a single charge and is necessary because the Malawian power grid has intermittent power. The server can withstand heat, dust, power surges and has few moving parts to minimize maintenance.



Look for our Raise the Roof campaign on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Every dollar contributed for the next few months is donor matched. If you can make a small donation now your contribution doubles.

Update on the raise the roof campaign

Kuwala continues to fundraise to build a second dorm. It will allow an additional 60 girls per year to receive an education. To date, we have raised **\$52,750 needed of the estimated \$81,864.00**.

There is good news on the horizon; construction has started with the foundation laid last month. Also, an angel investor has made a significant donation and is willing to dollar match for an additional \$30,000 in funding. Your donation now is appreciated as your contribution effectively doubles. For the next couple of months, our webpage on **CanadaHelps** is now directing funds to this campaign.



If you can make a small donation now your contribution effectively doubles.

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David Forpenz, Kuwala Teacher_2021

Getting to know the staff.

**Meet David Forpenz,
Teacher of Mathematics, Computer Studies, and Chemistry.**

My mom is a single mom who was a peasant farmer in a family of 5; life was trying to survive. My dad, who was a peasant farmer, became a quadriplegic when I was 8. I attended a free primary school and thence to Nkata Bay Secondary School. I almost dropped out in Term 2 due to a lack of school fees until the Ministry of Hope, a local community orphanage, helped. From there, I went to the University of Malawi on a Government loan for a Bachelors. As well as being a teacher at Kuwala, I am also a deputy examination officer. I teach students with a similar

vulnerable background. Teaching at Kuwala is more than just having a job, but more of a service or ministry, as the Christian environment makes the place one of friendliness and comfort. The students are well disciplined, which makes teaching exciting and the appropriate teaching resources the school provides. The girls are excellent and responsible students, empowered through an education they could not afford, a hardworking spirit they learn from the teachers, and taught to bless others through

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David Forpenz lending a helping hand to a Kuwala student.

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community service. They have seen their lives change; however, they do not forget their backgrounds. They do not take this opportunity for granted, and they have hope; they can be and do anything. They have academic success resources, qualified teachers, a sound library, stationery, accommodation, and good meals. Kuwala offers a safe place for girls to excel academically, spiritually and grow into responsible citizens.

Written by David Forpenz.



David Forpenz instructing Cecilia (see bio on following page) on computer commands.



Cecilia, Kuwala student_2021



Getting to know the student.

Meet Cecilia

Hello, my name is Cecilia; I am the first girl in my family to attend secondary school. I was very excited when I learned I was accepted at Kuwala and said, "I have a bright future." I want quality education for my goal to go to University; I see myself becoming a Doctor. One of my favourite subjects is biology, especially the topic of photosynthesis and the human nervous system. I like the meals at the cafeteria, my bed, shower and flushing toilets. I like sports because my body is healthy.

Storytelling has improved my English and my thinking capacity. I also enjoy reading, singing and being involved in group discussions. I will help my family with my education, and I am motivating my siblings to work hard.

Written by: Cecilia.

Image gallery



Work crew working at the footing level to finish off the last —end wall— on St. Peter's Dining Hall. Note: each brick is cured locally back on the 7th of March. They will back fill the trench when the wall starts to fill in.



Kuwala is in the process of recruiting for new students. Image shows entrance exams being written at Kuwala.



Kuwala's Computer Science lab. The class is an engaging hands-on class and constitutes an excellent opportunity for the students. It is rare to see computers being taught in any Malawi school, let alone at the high school level. Along with theory, the class is providing practical computer skills such as Microsoft Word®, Excel®, and PowerPoint®, where this has direct job opportunities. While Kuwala is not yet designated a school of excellence in Malawi, the fact is we are quickly moving toward this goal. This program could not happen without the Kuwala Canadian Board working with local companies in Winnipeg to deliver IBM® laptops that IT professionals have refurbished.



Students helping upgrade the orchard with sweet potatoes vines.





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Image shows Miss Grace Chazeza, teacher at Kuwala with students.

Women themselves have the right to live in dignity,
in freedom from fear. Let's rededicate ourselves to
making that a reality.

*Kofi Annan, Secretary-General United Nations, (8 April 1938
– 18 August 2018), co-recipient of the 2001
Nobel Peace Prize.*






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