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## **STORIES FROM THE FIELD**



Studying in the Campus orchard. Five years ago this was a barren field devoid of trees. Kuwala\_2021

# **GREEN AND GROWING**

With climate change being a topic of considerable discussion world-wide and countries such as Malawi are working to understand the impact, students and groundskeepers at Kuwala have been working to improve the campus in sustainable ways. Over 600 trees have been planted, and the girls each tend to a plot of trees and shrubs. As the landscape develops, the tree canopy provides welcome shade and protection from the wind and the rain. *Continued...* 



Kuwala students watering outdoor garden next to the greenhouse on campus. Kuwala\_2021

The greenhouse plants are thriving, and the Campus is adding to the fruit trees in the Orchards. The outdoor gardens are ready for the upcoming rainy season. A variety of new vegetables will be sowed, including plants from the mustard family.

A quick update on the soccer pitch; grass is growing on the field and entrance grounds around the buildings. The grass keeps the dust under control and provides a hearty covering to keep the grounds and walkways from becoming too muddy and difficult to walk on and minimize the run off of valuable soil when the rains arrive. Malawi's rainy season typically begins in November and will run through December. Kuwala is turning its campus into an oasis of growth, simply by caring for it and letting it grow, demonstrating what Africa really can be.

Summers are very hot and there are few places for the girls to escape the heat. Trees provide natural relief due to the shade they offer. Eventually these trees will provide shade for our buildings as well. Our campus went from barren to tall trees in only a few years. We cannot wait to see what another five years bring to the greening of the campus.

Kuwala is creating a genuine love and appreciation for growing plants and planting trees among the staff and students. This is huge... Girls are learning to see trees as more than fuel for cooking, rather to manage trees as a precious resource.

## Our community outreach is working

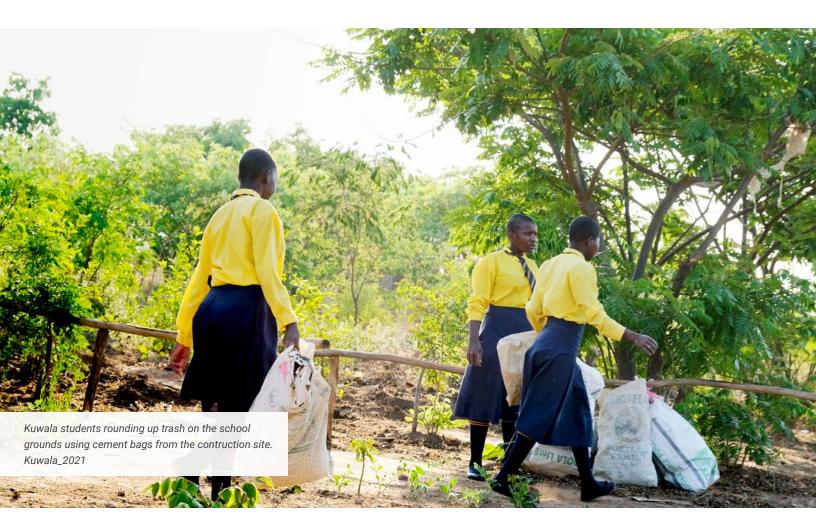
The students provided community outreach this month to three elders in the surrounding village. The girls cleaned their homes and fetched water.

### Kuwala litter free project

The girls are also learning to appreciate and place value in the upkeep of their living environment; this month, the Campus started the Kuwala Litter Free Project, where the Students were separated into teams to clean up the surrounding Campus grounds. The trash that is combustible was then burned on site in a brick oven. They are learning to respect their elders and take care and pride in themselves and their surroundings.



Students above are throwing an old cement bag over the wall into the special brick oven to burn the trash. Kuwala\_2021





#### STUDENT PROFILE

## Meet Desire, a Kuwala student.

### In her own words...

Hello, my name is Desire. I have two brothers and a sister. I wanted to go to secondary school because I have a goal to achieve my career as a nurse. I was very excited, and family members were also happy that I was selected to a attend a volunteer boarding Christian school. They had hoped that I will be safe. My favourite learning activity is computer studies skills and planting trees because I like the environment and now computer skills will help me know more things. I enjoy living on Campus because they provide good meals, using a shower when bathing as it is my first time. Speaking English makes me feel proud of Kuwala. I enjoy storytelling sessions because it helps me improve my English grammar, and I learn and practice more words. I enjoy sports activities because they do make my body strong and healthy. My hobbies are reading short stories, novels and playing netball.

## It's starting to look a lot like Christmas at Kuwala









Kuwala Christmas party used the St. Peter's Assembly Hall. Inset photos: Memory and Henry Mdyetseni-Kuwala Directors in Malawi, Father Christmas-Rev. Chisenga of Nsaru C.C.A.P Church. Student and electric organ musician rounded out the entertainment. Kuwala\_2021.

The girls will go home for a break from the end of November to the beginning of January. As we feel our winter approaching in North America, this is the school summer break in Malawi. The staff and students celebrated with an early Christmas dinner and festive activities. Reverend Chisenga presented a Christmas message, focusing on the real meaning of Christmas and what it means to be humble. The guest speaker spoke to the girls about striving for a good attitude and positive behaviour in life. Father Christmas provided treats for all the students. After the girls leave for break, the Campus and staff will welcome the girls coming from the surrounding villages to interview for Forms 2 and 3, which we refer to as Grade 10 and 11.

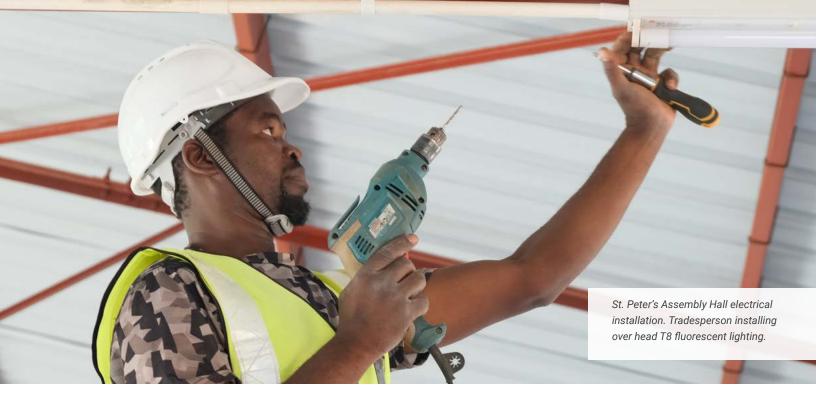
# A colourful start to the Christmas break.

### What's happening in 2022?

In 2022, Kuwala are planning for 120 registered students at the Campus comprising four-forms. If you have been following the growth and development of our first 60 girls over the last few years; these girls will graduate next September. So the future at Kuwala looks bright. Kuwala expects to graduate a class of form-4 each year while welcoming a new form-1 to the Campus.



Transportation home included: walking, bicycle or motorcycle. Kuwala\_2021









### **Construction update**

St. Peter's Assembly Hall is fast becoming the jewel of the Campus. Even before construction is complete the building is having a huge impact to hold large and small community events where all the students and teachers can meet.

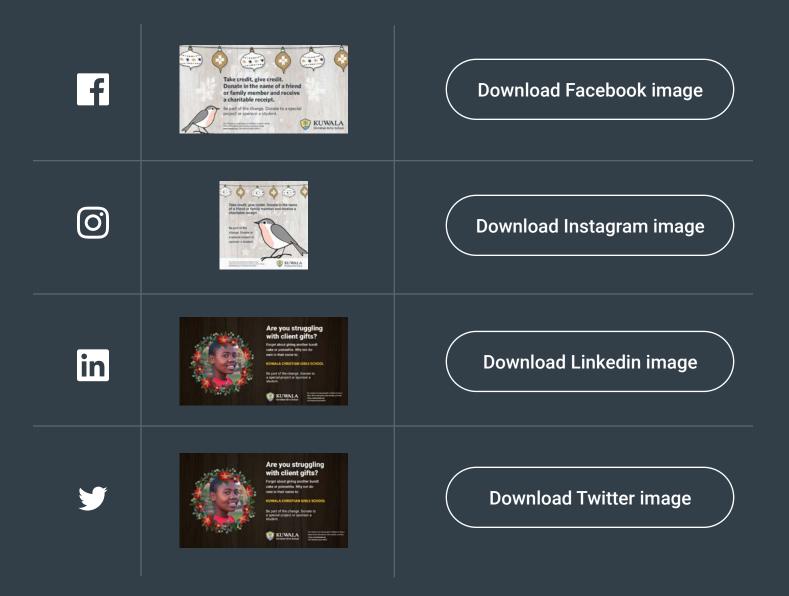


## **Christmas Campaign**

With the end of the year fast approaching, we are launching the Kuwala Christmas Campaign for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Facebook and Instagram have a casual look while Linkedin and Twitter is more formal. Look for the posts on your favourite social channel and be sure to like, share, and repost. **You can download the digital assets here**. The published links will expire on 23-Dec-2021.

Feel free to download and post to your favourite social media channel. Each digital asset has been optimized for that channel's post.

### Merry Christmas.



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To help with our fundraising Kuwala has a website with a call to action for donations using Canada Helps.

## **Donate now**

## Are you a member of a sports team or a member of a church youth group?

Are you planning a golf tournament, or are you a Church congregation looking for an International Mission? Would you consider planning an event or becoming a partner in fundraising or supporting a girl's school in Africa, making a measurable difference in girls' lives with no other options for an education?

We would be happy to have a discussion. Check out our website at Kuwala.org or connect with us at info@kuwala.org

