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KUWALA
Christian Girls School



**THE SEASONAL
RAIN HAS COME,
PAINTING THE
LAND A SHADE
OF GREEN.**

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Giving Generously Program.

Each year, a portion of Aligned Insurance profits are donated to a registered Canadian charity. This year Kuwala was selected...

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Kuwala campus activities & community outreach.

Kuwala's outreach program is growing and giving back to the environment what was lost—trees...

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The new year brings another group of 60 eager students and more teachers...

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Building Futures, Infrastructure.

Building continues with the second staff house and the girls move into the second hostel...



Kuwala is blessed!

Kuwala Christian Girls School is excited to be recognized and thankful for winning a \$5000 donation from the Aligned Insurance Giving Generously Charity Campaign 2021.

Kuwala was short-listed and nominated as one of 49 Canadian charities eligible through the Aligned Social Responsibility program called, **“Giving Generously.”** In December, Aligned Insurance profiled these charities on their social media channels to support this great work! The record response and interest show how much help current Canadian Charities need, especially during this pandemic. Despite Covid, Kuwala continues to grow and prosper.

Thank you, [Aligned Insurance](#) for your donation in support of the Giving Generously Program.



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Student: Alice, Kuwala, 2022.

Kuwala outreach program

Planting trees for the environment



■ Chief Chigwasa planting a tree in the surrounding community, Kuwala_2022.

Reaching out to the community

It's the rainy season in Malawi, and the campus is turning lush and green. It is the perfect time for outdoor tree planting. Every girl will participate in this work to appreciate the trees and the environment. As part of the school's Community Outreach, the students will be traveling to 3 surrounding villages to plant a small plot of trees in each village. The green landscape and the canopy of shade that the trees bring to the campus are remarkable. Kuwala will be sharing these tree plantings in surrounding villages and educating on the importance of nurturing and caring for the trees.



■ Village leader showing the actual place to start planting trees Kuwala_2022.



■ Kuwala Form 3 class of 2022, Kuwala.

New Students and Teachers

Kuwala is excited to welcome the new Form 1, 2 and 3 students to the campus in January! The girls arrived in time for an orientation of the campus and temporarily moved to shared spaces with the Form 4 students. The entire world is facing pandemic challenges, and Kuwala is no different. Resources are shared, plans and schedules are adjusted to accommodate the many demands arising from the pandemic.

The new group of girls moved into the second hostel, and although the bunk beds had not arrived; comfortable mattresses and warm blankets did! Many of the girls are excited to be experiencing running water and flushing toilets for the first time. While their uniforms and desks have not yet arrived, the teachers began classes and are excited to be off to a great start. Settling in is always exciting, and we have to keep in mind that these girls come from humble beginnings with room to grow, learn, expand, and adjust. Albeit, these are essential life skills that develop patience and appreciation; these new students are grateful for this opportunity.



■ Teaching team of 2022, Kuwala_2022.

For the Form 4 students, this is a hectic academic year, as they will be writing National Exams and graduating from Kuwala!



In her own words...

Meet Jessy. There are five children in my family; I am the firstborn and the only one who attends secondary school. My brothers and sisters are not going to school because of the school fees. The computer lessons had helped me because, before Kuwala, I did not know computers or even the computer structure. I have learned a lot of things, and my life is changed.

I can use computer PowerPoint, Excel, word processor, play music and videos. Outside the classroom, I participate in playing netball and football.



Student: Jessy. Students and staff plant many trees to help with the deforestation that happened years ago. Kuwala_2022.



■ Student: Alice, Kuwala_2022.

In her own words...

Meet Alice I have a brother and three sisters. I want to progress to University and be competent, hence having the ability to help my family. My family was so much happy, surprisingly. I'm the first girl who has that chance of going to an excellent secondary school than all the rest of my siblings. My favourite learning activities are Math, English, Computer Skills and planting trees. I enjoy living on campus because I mostly eat healthier food than what we used to have at home. For example, at Kuwala we eat five times per day: breakfast, tea break, lunch, 4 o'clock tea, and supper. In the future, I see myself owning a small business that may grow bigger little by little. I will help my family with my education and change the life status of my family. I enjoy attending storytelling sessions because it improves my vocabulary, acting and listening to music. I like planting trees because it's one way of making Kuwala, as a school, look beautiful in the future as the trees grow.



■ Alice 'working' the keyboard, Kuwala_2022.



■ Ms. Shira Bongera, Kuwala teacher: putting her agriculture knowledge to good use. Kuwala_2022.

Meet a few of the teachers

- Peter Chilenje teaches English and Geography
- Dan E. Phiri teaches Computer Studies, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.
- Christina Mkumbwa teaches Bible Knowledge, Social Studies, Life Skills and History.
- Shira Bongera teaches Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- Bridget Bester is the school Nurse in the Clinic at Kuwala.
- Samantha Nyirenda is the news stores clerk at Kuwala.



■ Dan Phiri teaching computer skills to new students. Kuwala_2022.

Our education stream is consistent with the National Malawian School curriculum with all students participating in the National exams required to achieve passing grades. Kuwala teachers are all Malawian certified teachers, qualified to deliver these Forms of the curriculum.

Veterans + New Students

2022 has 60 new students sprinkled through Forms one to four.

Our first group of girls that will graduate in 2022! Great pic for the history books.



■ Our veteran Form 4 students taken outside of Classroom Block N°1. Kuwala_2022



■ New Form 1 students in a temporary classroom. Kuwala_2022.



■ New Form 2 students. Kuwala_2022.

Building Futures Construction progress



■ Fencing around St. Peter's Assembly Hall to encourage rapid growth of the landscaping. Kuwala 2022.



■ Temporary classrooms.



■ 2nd hostel functional.



■ Firing up the burners.



■ Roll-up door to kitchen.



■ Waiting for bunk beds, 2nd hostel.



■ Second staff house steel truss installation, Kuwala_2022.

Infrastructure update

The two temporary classrooms went up in St. Peter's Assembly Hall, still allowing ample room for food-service and dining. The kitchen gas appliances are running, and the cooks are preparing meals every day for twice as many students and staff. The staff is feeling good about the space and the ease and efficiency of cooking over a gas stove. There is no more need for

chopping and storing wood, preparing hours in advance to get a wood oven ready. In the photos, you will notice that the grounds have new fencing around key buildings such as St. Peter's Assembly Hall to keep the pathways marked. This gives the newly planted landscape a chance to grow strong roots without the added foot traffic.



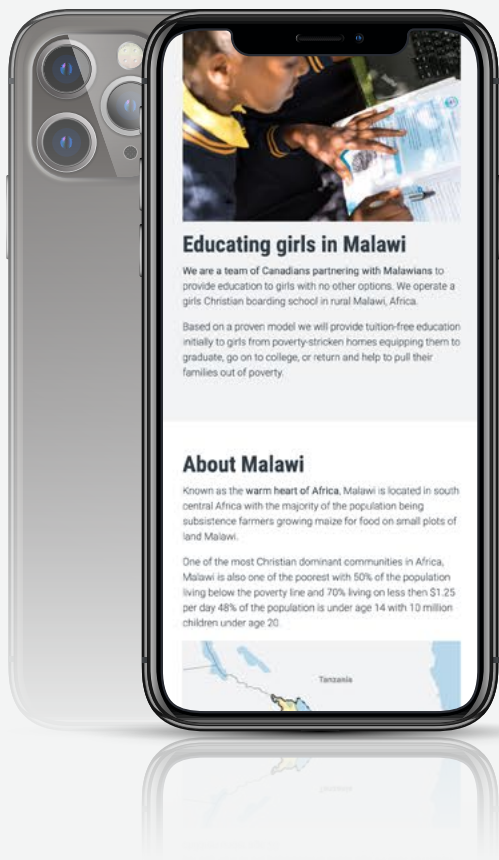
Village life

Most of Malawi is sprinkled with thousands of small villages. Houses are often clay or brick with thatched (tin, if they can afford it) roofs.

Malawi is widely known as the “Warm Heart of Africa” because of the generosity and kindness of its people. With a predominantly rural population of more than 18 million people, Malawi is comprised of friendly tribes and ethnic groups living in traditional villages.

On a visit to one of these villages, you would see women wearing the traditional colourful sarong-like wraps, called Chitenjes. Women wear as many as three of these versatile wraps at a time, using them as skirts, headdresses, aprons, or to carry infants on their backs while shopping, carrying water, or working in the garden.

Would you consider adopting **Kuwala** as your **international outreach** charity?



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

Are you planning a golf tournament, or are you a Church congregation looking for an International Mission? Please consider Kuwala if you are planning an event.

Becoming a partner in fundraising to support an all girl's school in Africa makes a measurable difference in the students' lives when there is no other option for education.

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

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



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