

# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

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**KUWALA**  
Christian Girls School



**EASTER  
TREAT UNDER  
THE SHADE.**

Students enjoying pop as a special Easter treat, Kuwala\_2022.

## 02 ↗

### Earth Day - Invest in our Planet.

Students are helping out with growing crops on Campus and what Kuwala is doing about managing the risk of climate change...

## 04 ↗

### Student Profile: Tamandan.

Tamandan is another one of our Form 4 students graduating this year. She is learning to become an entrepreneur...

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### Teacher Profile Peter Chienje.

Mr. Peter Chienje is Kuwala's English and Geography teacher and uses math to demonstrate cartography principles...

## 07 ↗

### Building Futures, Infrastructure.

In order to attract and retain our teachers we continue to develop our staff housing project with our third home on Campus...





■ Students are learning about agriculture to help the Campus grow food but also to help the community, Kuwala\_2022.

## We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children. ■ *Native American Proverb*

**Kuwala** students learn every day about planting, growing and greening their campus and their community. The greenhouse tomatoes, lettuces and garden vegetables are maturing and will result in a plentiful harvest. Kuwala continues to plant trees, and the students care for them. Check out the growth of a seedling planted this spring to the trees that have become so dense over the last five years.

The grass on the soccer pitch is lush and green. The grounds crew has already mowed the first cut and groomed the area. When the sports equipment arrives, the girls will be playing soccer, netball and Frisbee. They are so proud to be wearing their school sports uniforms as they participate in field games with their classmates, hosting or visiting schools from other communities.



■ Soccer pitch now has grass and almost ready for play, Kuwala\_2022.

Girls participating in sports is not ordinary in Malawi. At Kuwala, the girls are given all the opportunities to develop their minds and encouraged to stay active, and are given a chance to learn and participate in various sports activities.





■ Growing tomatoes, using sustainable farming practices and drip irrigation to deliver just the right amount of moisture. Kuwala\_2022.

## Resilient in a Changing Climate

Rising heat, too little rain and then too much rain, storms taking out roads and power systems... climate change is visible and intensifying. Malawi, like many developing countries in Africa, is grappling with adverse impacts of climate-related events. To minimize the risks and hazards that climate change creates for students and staff, Kuwala has established a working committee looking at ways to increase the school's resiliency and build a culture of long-term sustainability.

The committee meets monthly to discuss and develop strategies like increasing power availability using renewable energy sources, increasing food security, managing water to avoid flooding, increasing campus biodiversity, managing waste on campus, harvesting biogas for cooking, and policy development.

The key goals of the committee are to act responsively and proactively; understanding the issues, assessing potential risks, and identifying reasonable actions to mitigate impacts. Each month a focus topic will be explored in depth, and ideas will be shared in our newsletter. So keep reading and learn about how Kuwala is building resiliency in a changing climate.



■ Water drainage around the St. Peter's Assembly Hall foundation helps with drainage in the rainy season which in 2022 resulted in extensive flooding in Malawi. This is one of the ways we prepare for extreme weather events. Kuwala\_2022.



■ Planting trees is also part of the plan for resiliency. Kuwala\_2022.

Malawi, like many developing countries in Africa, is grappling with adverse impacts of climate related events. With a population that is dependent upon substance agriculture, climate change also impacts food security. The campus is growing as much food as it can to help improve food security for the students.





■ Tamandan, Form 4 student, Kuwala\_2022.

## In her own words...

**Meet Tamandan.** I come from a family of five siblings. I want to go to secondary school as the teachers are well qualified. When I was accepted, I could imagine myself putting on a lovely school uniform. I enjoy planting trees at Kuwala because the trees make our campus look beautiful. I like playing chess and volleyball, and these



■ Tamandan is now very comfortable using computers to help with her studies, Kuwala\_2022.



■ Tamandan has an entrepreneur spirit by helping sell items at the truckstop, Kuwala\_2022.

activities improve my capacity to think through situations. I enjoy reading and singing, and on Saturdays, we have fun entertainment activities.

## Teacher profile

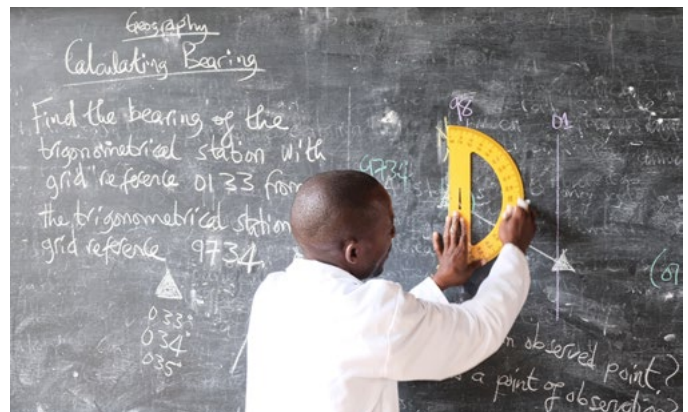
### Peter Chilenje



■ Mr. Peter Chilenje, English and Geography teacher, Kuwala\_2022.

## In his own words

**Meet Peter Chilenje.** I am a Christian and a teacher of English, Geography, and help out with Drama and Debate Club. I did my undergraduate studies at Chancellor College of the University of Malawi. Kuwala is a good school that allows girls to become agents of positive change for their families and communities. The school provides holistic education to foster moral, social and religious development. As a result, the girls have the motivation to learn and work hard. These girls have blossoming careers ahead of them; some will likely become teachers, nurses, and social workers.



■ Mr. Peter Chilenje teaching cartography, Kuwala\_2022.





## New text to donate campaign

### Give your mother something significant for Mother's Day in May!

Kuwala Christian Girls School in Malawi educates girls in one of the poorest nations. Why not give these girls a chance to change their lives and that of their families.

**Starting 1-May-2022**, for the full month we have a Text to donate campaign. TEXT to the number **20222** the word, "**GIRLS**" to donate \$5.

#### Here are the 5 easy steps to donate

- 01** Open a new text message on your mobile device and type in **20222** as the recipient in the To field and hit enter.
- 02** In the body of the message, type the word, **GIRLS**
- 03** Reply **Yes** to the confirmation message.
- 04** Claim your tax receipt by clicking on the link in the "Thank you" message.
- 05** Let your mom know you donated to a great cause in honour of Mother's Day.



# Building futures Construction progress



■ Top LH floor and foundation has started on the second classroom block, Workers are laying reinforcing steel for the poured concrete floor: Top RH: Old kitchen used to store onions: we have funding secured for a trades workshop and are about to start renovations.. RH middle: workers installing drainage system for St. Peter's Assembly Hall. RH bottom: electric hot water installation on second staff house. Kuwala\_2022.



■ This is our first staff duplex to compliment the two individual staff houses, Kuwala\_2022.

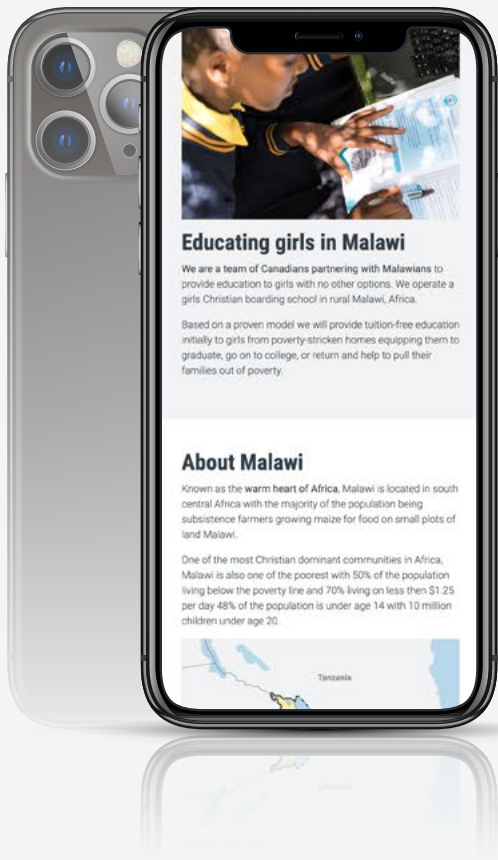


■ Second hostel completed with the next 60 students are moved in, Kuwala\_2022.

## Work continues on the infrastructure

To attract the best teachers, Kuwala continues to develop housing for our dedicated teaching staff so that transportation cost isn't a barrier to retaining our talent.

# 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](http://Kuwala.org) or connect with us at [info@kuwala.org](mailto: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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