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KUWALA
Christian Girls School



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**Annual General Meeting +
Day of the African Child.**

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Students were heading out to plant, weed, and care for the trees in a village. The wife of the Headman was very appreciative...

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**Student and Teacher
Profiles.**

This month student Takondwa writes what a typical weekend looks like at Kuwala and Teacher Michael Zulu is profiled...



■ Small girls near a local village were happy to meet Kuwala girls as part of the African Child Celebration, Kuwala_2022.

Annual General Meeting - 16th June

The National Day of the African Child was June 16th, the same day the Canadian Board of Kuwala Christian Girls School held their first in-person 2021 Annual General Meeting since Covid. The Canadian Board presented an overview of the 2021 year. In addition, the Directors summarized the growth and progress of the campus. Pre-recorded messages from Canadian and Malawi Board Members were added to the Annual Report as download links for those unable to attend. This included a heartfelt note of thanks from Tisangalale, a Form 4 student graduating this year from Kuwala.

Watch for the email coming soon with the link that will provide highlights of the 2021 AGM presentation and video messages from our team in Malawi. Right now... you can go to the website at Kuwala.org to view the 2021 Annual Report. You can find it by clicking on the plus [+] icon on the operations tab at the top of the home page.



■ Girls organizing themselves for a field visit; weeding, and caring for growing young trees on a previous visit. Kuwala_2022.

You can get your very own copy of the 2021 Annual Report by clicking on the link below.

[2021 Annual Report](#)

Heading home

A bit of a break for the girls



■ Students' luggage ready for the ride home to their villages. Each girl comes from a separate village in Malawi. Kuwala_2022.

Organized chaos!

The students were excited to take a break and go home for two weeks to visit their families. They had the opportunity to review their progress reports with their teachers and then take them home to check with their parents. The parents come from near and far on many different modes of transportation to meet their daughters and teachers. It is the final break before National Exams for Form 2 and Form 4. The Headmaster at Kuwala says the girls are very prepared by writing many mock exams, to understand what will be expected when they write the finals.



■ Different mode of transport take girls back home. Kuwala_2022.



Community Outreach

Blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade they will never sit.

Community work continued in June with a field trip to a nearby village where the students planted trees earlier. The time has come for weeding and building up a fire break around the trees. The fire break is a mound of debris piled up in a circle around the trees that would catch fire first before it had a chance to burn the trees. The wife of the village chief thanked the girls for coming to plant trees in her village because as they grow, they will protect the village from strong winds.

■ Kuwala girls heading to Likango village to weed growing young trees, and create fire breaks.
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Health and wellness

Our Campus nurse, Bridget Bester plays an important role model for keeping the girls healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

The school nurse continues to provide wellness checks with the students and takes time to educate them on cleanliness in their rooms, personal hygiene, and the surrounding Kuwala campus. She also has been providing support for their mental well-being. With the addition of the new students, the nurse works full-time and is on campus Monday to Friday.



Nurse, Bridget Bester at the campus health clinic. Kuwala_2022

What a typical weekend

is like at Kuwala.

■ Takondwa's student profile photo.. Kuwala_2022.

Takondwa...

wrote an essay about what life is like at Kuwala on the weekend. The girls enjoy a wonderful experience living on campus. Not only can they focus on their dreams of a better future, but they can also build a strong supportive community and lasting friendships.

In her own words.... *I want to write about the activities which take place on weekends in a student's life at Kuwala.*

5:00 am START. On Saturday, a student wakes up at 5:00 am, studies for an hour, and helps clean classrooms and the dining hall with her fellow students.

8:00 am. After a quick washup, students head to the Cafeteria for breakfast. Then, she looks at her timetable to see the subject she will study at that particular time. Sometimes the student is involved in a learning session when a teacher comes to organize a specific class with students. In the morning, the students are often asked to do community work involving planting trees and grasses.

12:00 noon. Lunch is always a special event; students head to the cafeteria and discuss the morning's successes. After lunch and a bit of rest, around 1:00 pm, students head to their classroom assignments.

3:00 pm. The student observes time for sports and physical activity. For example, students change into their sports attire to participate in physical activities such as football.



■ Students singing hymns at St. Peter's Assembly Hall. Kuwala_2022.

5:00 pm. After cleaning up and a quick shower, students head to St. Peter's Assembly Hall for dinner and entertainment to watch movies using the large widescreen TV.

Sundays are a break in routine. Padding rice is served at the Cafeteria and the girls head to church around 7:30 am. While the students have free time on Sunday, many spend time studying.



Takondwa image taken outside classroom block one. Kuwala_2021.

In her own words...

Meet Takondwa, Form 4 student. I am the only girl in my family, and the first girl in my family to go to secondary school. I have three brothers. My parents and I were so excited to find out that Kuwala was a scholarship school; otherwise, I may not have been able to continue my education. I am happy to attend an all-girls boarding school as I aim to study and become an Extension Agent and work in agriculture.

I enjoy planting trees, mathematics and science projects, especially for agriculture, crop production and animal production. I care for the environment and enjoy watching and playing with different animals, so I should know their behaviour. This study and practice will help me achieve my goal for my future.

I enjoy living on campus because of the delicious food my parents could not afford, safe drinking water from a tap and safe bathing water from the shower.



Takondwa enjoys agriculture, including animal production. Kuwala_2022.

I also enjoy attending church service and should remember God in everything because the Creator is the one who chose to help me receive my education.



Teacher Michael Zulu. Kuwala_2022.

In his own words...

Meet Teacher Michael Zulu. I am a Christian and teach Physics and Chemistry. I am also the Patron of the Science club, a teacher of sports activities, and serve on the examination team. My parents raised me, and after secondary school, I joined Mzuzu University to pursue a Bachelor of Science (Education) majoring in Physics and Mathematics. I am now a graduate of a science degree. Kuwala provides for the progression of education for teachers and students.

The student's ethic is based on Christian values of hard work. Kuwala is a good role model as it encourages students to widen their futures to various careers, not only becoming a teacher or nurse but also a citizen who can spread the word of God to other people. A girl present at Kuwala is a privilege; parents must appreciate the quality education girls are receiving academically, physically and spiritually.



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Mzuzu University is one of the principal universities in Malawi. The campus is located in Mzuzu, in the northern region of the country. It was established by an Act of Parliament in 1997 as Malawi's second national (public) university in Malawi. The first students were admitted in January 1999. Mzuzu University offers academic programs at the Bachelor, Master and Doctoral levels in disciplines such as education, forestry, land management, biomedical sciences, and renewable energy.

Building futures Construction progress



■ LH_Drainage around foundation of second hostel. Kuwala_2022.

Second hostel + Classroom block

It will complete the required teaching space for Forms 1-4. A water drainage system was completed around the new second hostel; this will divert water from the building during the rainy season (top image). The walls are going up on the second classroom block, which will feature three classroom spaces.

Second staff house

The second staff house is in the process of installing windows (see inset image above) and waiting for doors. The trees surrounding the campus housing provide shelter and protection for the living spaces. The walls are going up on the first duplex. And, our newest construction of the duplex is starting to take shape and will accommodate living space for two additional teachers and their families.

Reflections of the month

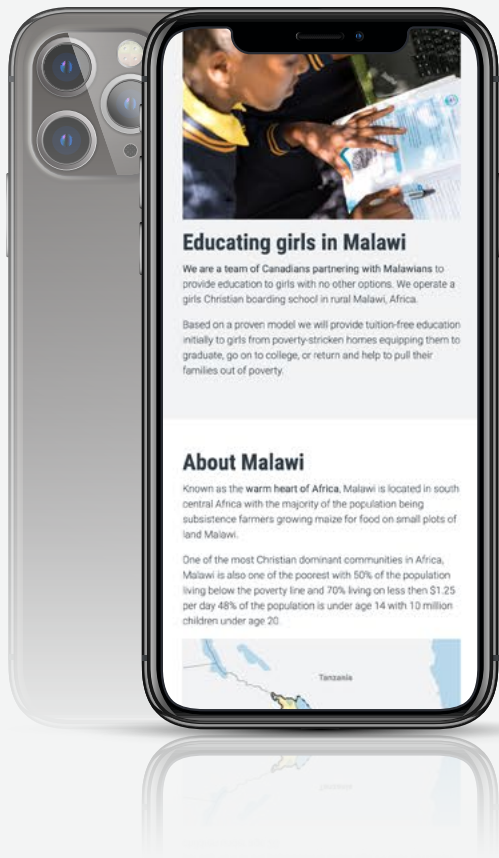
This is what typical village life looks like.



This is the house of the village Headman near Kuwala in a village called, Likango. His house was damaged by strong winds and heavy rainfall earlier this year. **Note:** the Headman's house is built better than most using tin for the roof, and brick for the walls. Most houses have thatched roofs and there are few modern conveniences.

■ Wife of village Headman, Likango village. Kuwala_2022.

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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