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KUWALA
Christian Girls School



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■ Students taking an active interest in livestock agriculture on a field trip, Kuwala_2022.

Field trip!

A memorable education field trip was planned for the first group of students graduating this year. The Form 4 class went to the Chitedze Research Station in Malawi. The Research Station conducts various experiments and trials on new crop varieties. It develops new strategies for controlling field pests and diseases.

The topics covered include biotechnology, livestock and crop improvement in agriculture. All require understanding the germ-sperms and genetic makeup of the animals and crops so they can be manipulated into improved varieties and breeds. In addition, these topics show the concepts of genetics being applied in real life. First, students must participate in the identification of crops and animals that need to be improved according to their phenotype, appearance, and germ-sperm composition. Then, brainstorming takes place to determine the best activities to improve the crop and animal appearances. The students are also oriented on some field and laboratory work done by the center's research experts.



■ Livestock is an important wealth generator in Malawi for farmers. Image depicts a typical watering hole for cattle. Kuwala_2022.

Back at Kuwala, the students participated in a series of mock chemistry practical exams to prepare them for what to expect in the National Exams.



Mock chemistry exam!

All the world is a laboratory
to the inquiring mind.

■ Martin H. Fischer

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■ Students conducting lab experiments for mock exam, Kuwala_2022.

Chemistry is divided into three parts. These three branches are organic, inorganic, and physical chemistry.



■ Mervis, Circa_2021_Kuwala

In her own words...

Meet Mervis I have one sister and I am the first girl in my family to attend secondary school. I am so happy about the school uniforms and sleeping in a hostel on my bed. I enjoy math, English, and practical computer lessons. I see myself becoming a nurse. The sporting activities at Kuwala keep me physically fit, the community service keeps our surroundings clean, and we learn about agriculture. In addition, I enjoy reading novels and creating stories.

Check out Mervis' short essay on...

"The importance of having good friendships with fellow students and peers at Kuwala." [See on page 6](#)



■ Mervis writing a mock exam before the Nationals, Kuwala_2022.



Teacher Fanuel Chingagwe, Kuwala_2022.

In his own words...

Meet Teacher Fanuel Chingagwe

I am a Christian teacher of computer studies, mathematics, and also an examination officer.

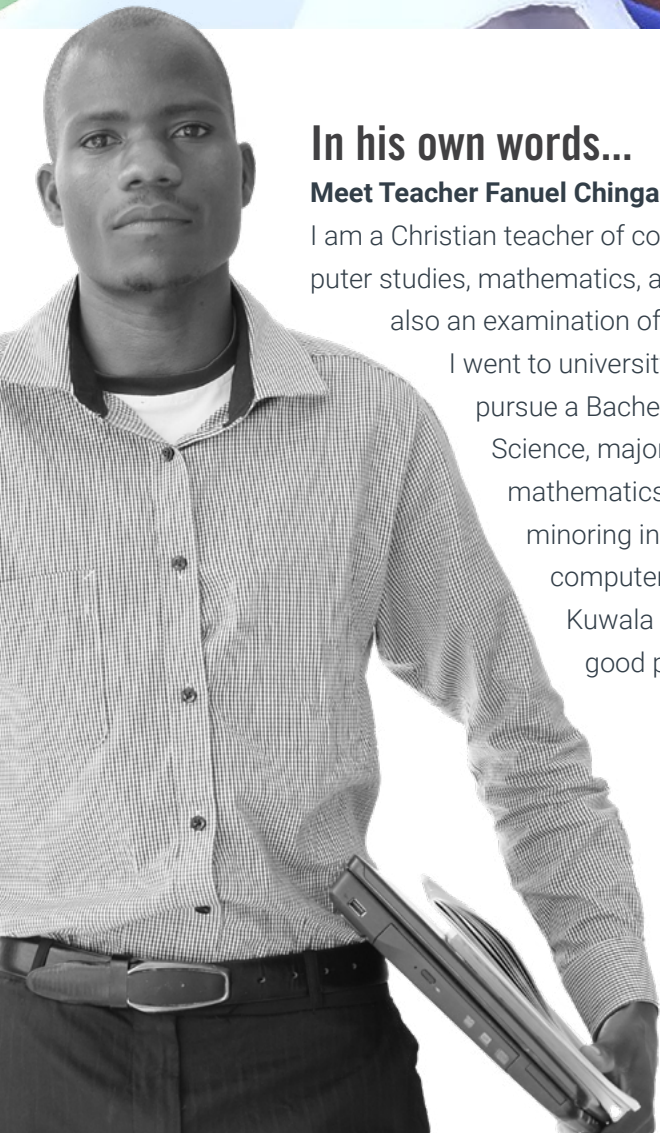
I went to university to pursue a Bachelor of Science, majoring in mathematics and minoring in computers.

Kuwala is a good place



Fanuel Chingagwe teaching computer studies, Kuwala_2022.

for both teachers and learners. I have learned the spirit of hard work. The girls grow up with potential and are encouraged to participate in different activities. The teachers at Kuwala are experienced and dedicated to their work. In addition, there are enough resources including computers for the girls to receive a quality education.





Student essay

Written by: Mervis, Form 4 Kuwala student

In her own words... Many things can be achieved if one has good friendships with fellow students and peers at Kuwala. The following are some of my observations at the campus. Firstly, girls help each other in the education sector through discussion. This helps build friendships to improve in academics. For example, if one can be good at mathematics, their friends will be supported and improve their grades. The next importance is students helping each other with basic needs. Sometimes parents fail to provide all that we need so our friends can help pull up our socks. Others manage to bring more than what they require in a term and share it with others. We, the youth, have similar needs. Some of these needs include writing materials. Students encourage one another on how they can achieve their academic goals is another importance of having good friendships and peers.

The students at Kuwala share knowledge about their career goal achievements. We encourage each other about how we can work hard to enrich our outlook. In addition, we also help each other with how we can strengthen our spiritual being. Learning at a Christian school makes me feel special. So, I take this opportunity that everyone should keep on encouraging one another to keep our faith. We believe we can not achieve our destination if we go forth alone. In all conditions, we call upon His name to be with us. Lastly, peers and friends make one develop high self-esteem. If one is looking down upon herself, the friends encourage that person to look on the bright side. This helps to reduce the heart of loneliness. At Kuwala, you feel supplemented by friends. Students think friendship is essential at Kuwala. In the end, it makes others appreciate themselves for their achievements. In conclusion, this essay has explained more about the importance of having friendships with fellow students and peers at Kuwala.

Everyone should keep on encouraging one another to keep our faith.

■ Mervis

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■ Fellow student on grounds, Kuwala_2022

Entrance exams are happening.

Kuwala Christian Girls School held an entrance examination for the next cohort of girls to join the Form One class this fall 2022 - 2023 academic year. The school's catchment has almost fifteen primary school zones, each with nearly eleven primary schools. Kuwala has at least one hundred local primary schools from which the student candidates are drawn. Kuwala's strategy is to pick girls from different villages to have the most significant future social impact by building local female leadership capacity.

Kuwala anticipated and prepared for the same number of girls attending this year due to a broad sensitization to local trading centers, church gatherings, and even the surrounding primary schools. The girls arrive around 08:00 at the school campus. They are checked at the school's main gate for signs of Covid-19 before allowing them to enter the campus. They are welcomed and briefed about the objectives and vision statement of Kuwala Christian Girls School by the School's Director and Headteacher in the St. Peter's Assembly Hall. After registration, the examination papers are distributed and explained; they cover English, mathematics, science and technology and the exam lasts for two hours. Phases of exams take place due to the vast turnout of 600 girls.

Once the results are out for the written entrance examinations, some students are selected for oral interviews organized by the school director. Through the oral interviews, the students identified who are in the most deserving situation for sponsorship for their secondary education.



The final list of the selected students involves only those girls who performed well during the written entrance examinations. And have touching family stories with struggling socio-economic family affairs learned and verified through the oral interviews.

■ Student candidates Kuwala_2022.

Future Kuwala students

Entrance exams are in progress for the next 30 girls for the fall of 2022.



■ Memory Mdyetseni and her staff had to break up the groups into cohorts of 100 throughout the day. Gates opened up at 9:00 AM and ended after 5:30 PM. Over 600 girls showed up to write the exam! Kuwala is gaining a reputation as a school of excellence! Kuwala_2022.

Entrance exam

Administered by Memory Mdyetseni and Invigilators



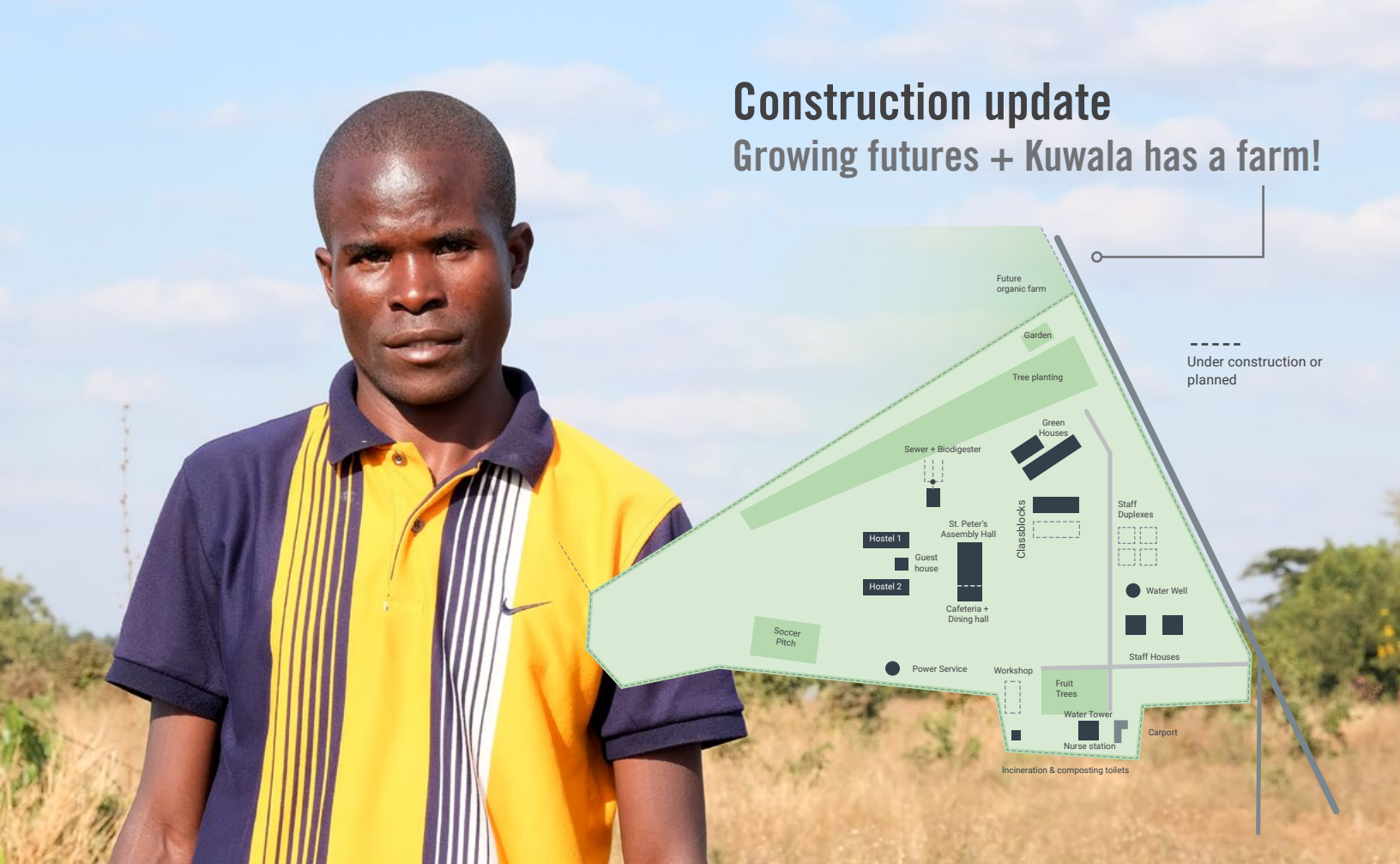
■ Nesta; Invigilator
Kuwala_2022.



■ Tereza; Invigilator
Kuwala_2022.

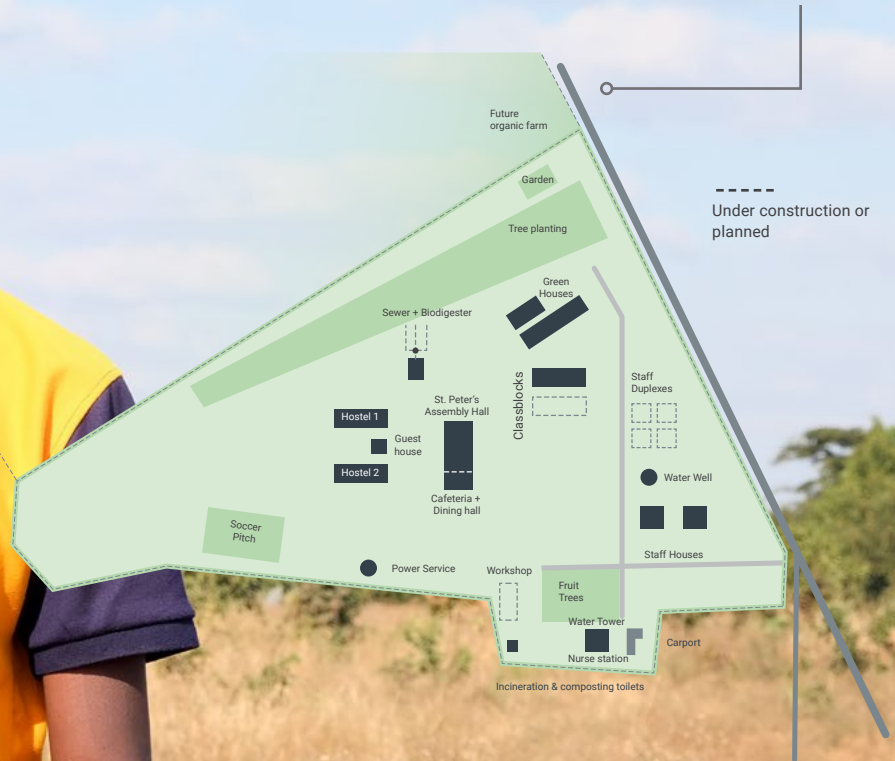
It was a full house at the Campus

Memory, Nesta, and Tereza worked all day and into the evening to administer the entrance exam to 600 student candidates.



Construction update

Growing futures + Kuwala has a farm!



■ Innocent Mpasula, Farm Supervisor photographed on new farm property Kuwala_2022.

What's happening in July?

Kuwala continues to build, and the future now includes 13 acres of farmland next to the school campus. The plan is to begin the agricultural practice by this September.

Kuwala welcomes Innocent Mpasula, the newly hired Farm Supervisor. Innocent has a diploma in Agriculture and has been an entrepreneur running banana nurseries. The long-range plan for the farm is to include perennial fruit crops such as bananas, mango, guava, oranges and papaya; annual crops such as corn, beans, peas and other vegetables such as lettuces and cabbages. There will also be a section for raising chickens. More exciting stories to come as this Kuwala Farm begins to grow.

As Kuwala moves towards incorporating more solar power on campus, a new powerhouse has been built. This building will contain the solar battery and the switch gear technology to change from electrical grid to solar power when necessary. There is a flurry of construction projects under completion at Kuwala. The second staff house will be occupied the first week of

August and is designed and finished with two bedrooms, a kitchen, a standard shower and bathroom, a living room with plenty of storage. The first staff duplex is 70% complete and will house 2 teachers. Each duplex is designed as a residence, including 2 bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom, and storage.

The second classroom block measures 24m x 12m and is designed with three rooms, and storage. In addition to the first classroom block of three classrooms, this second classroom block will use two of the rooms for classrooms to complete the teaching areas for each of the four Forms. The third room will become a laboratory. The expected completion for this second classroom block is September 2022.

The Kuwala campus is robust with impressive permanent buildings, lush vegetation, gardens and trees. The smiling faces of the students, teachers, and staff whose lives are being changed are becoming brighter every day! The future shines bright for Kuwala.

Building futures Construction progress



■ Second classroom block walls going up, front exterior view. Kuwala_2022.



■ Second classroom block, brick and mortar install around doorway, Kuwala_2022.



■ Second classroom block, exterior wall backside, Kuwala_2022.



■ Second classroom block construction site, Kuwala_2022.

Building continues throughout the summer

Construction crews are working on the staff duplexes and second classroom block. When completed, the second classroom block will provide seating for two classrooms plus a science laboratory.

Building futures

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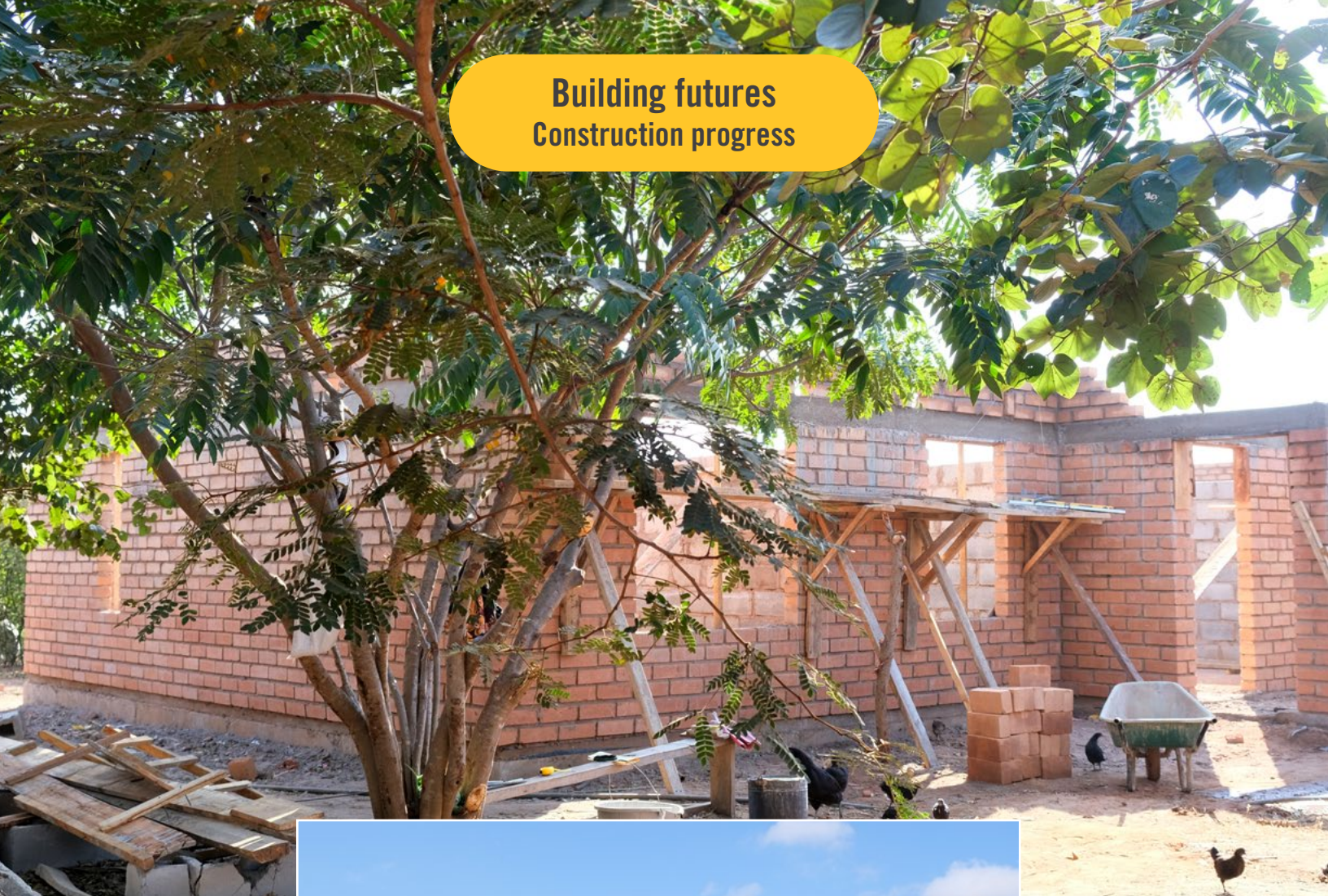


■ First staff duplex, interior showing header beams being leveled. Kuwala_2022.



■ First staff duplex showing front exterior. Kuwala_2022.

Building futures Construction progress



■ Above image is the first staff duplex; bottom photo is first staff duplex on the left and second staff house on the right. 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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