

# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

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**KUWALA**  
Christian Girls School



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### Graduation class of 2022.

Kuwala's historic first graduating class of 60 students. The celebration was a community affair with parents and guests...

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### A new cohort of students.

Kuwala students and teachers welcomed a new cohort of students for the commencement of the fall semester...

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The second classroom and the staff duplex walls are getting a plaster finish and the maize equipment has arrived...



■ Graduating class of 2022 with Henry and Memory Mdyetseni, Kuwala Malawian Board of Directors. Kuwala\_2022.

## Congratulations Graduates!

**On Saturday, August 13, 2022**, Kuwala Christian Girls School celebrated Graduation for the first class of 60! It was a Farewell Celebration for the girls, who will continue to study for their National Exams on August 30. The ceremony took place on the newly constructed football and netball grounds.

Each of the girls was allowed to invite two from their families. Many parents, guardians, board members of Kuwala Christian Girls School and community members from around Kuwala attended. Families shared many hugs, cheers and even a few tears for their daughter's achievements. The girls have worked very hard and matured over the last four years. The students enacted a "career talk" drama on how they will move forward after Kuwala. In addition, there were singing and drama presentations, showcasing the many areas of learning. Every student received a certificate of attendance, with a few girls selected to receive recognition awards for



■ Parent hugging their daughter, Kuwala\_2022.

performance in academics and discipline. After the processional of the graduates, honoured guests and an opening prayer; the program included the singing of both the Malawi and Canada National Anthems. Reverend Chikakula, a prominent public figure in Malawi, delivered the devotion.





■ Graduating students performing. Kuwala\_2022.

## The grads are building a future.

Headgirl, Beatrice, gave thanks for the opportunity to receive a high-quality education and urged her fellow students to work tirelessly to produce good quality results at the national exams. Acting Head Teacher, Mr. Noel Maganga, praised the girls for their hard work and focus.

There were also speeches from a representative of the school's PTA, the newly formed group involving parents and teachers of Kuwala. Esther Kawale, a Director on the Kuwala Malawian Board, delivered congratulatory remarks to the graduates. Likewise, Martha Chizuma is a practicing lawyer and a high court judge serving as the Director of Anti-Corruption Bureau in Malawi, gave a heartfelt presentation of congratulations and encouragement. Ms. Chizuma also came from a humble beginning, from a similar community. She spoke of her early life as a young girl and how she worked hard to secure a future for herself through education.

The celebration ended with a luncheon, with the entire community of invitees eating and celebrating together.

There is a humble African saying, ***"It takes a village to raise a child."*** In this same way, there are entire communities in Malawi near Kuwala, villages of people who support, work, teach, mentor and pray for Kuwala. The purpose is to encourage hope for change and a better future for their girls and the next generations. There are donors and sponsors in communities in Canada and the USA who donate, support, pray for and encourage Kuwala and girls' education in Malawi.



■ Esther Kawale, Director on the Kuwala Malawian Board\_2022.



■ Martha Chizuma, Director of Malawi Anti Corruption Bureau. Kuwala\_2022.

Together, we are building futures and changing lives!  
The girls, teachers, staff and board members in Malawi and Canada wish to thank and encourage you to keep investing in Kuwala Christian Girls School.

**We need your help. 120 new students will need sponsors this fall.**





Top photo: Student, Tamanda receiving an achievement award from Memory Mdyetseni, Kuwala Malawian Board of Director with guest speaker Esther Kawale, also a Director on the Kuwala Malawian Board in the background. Note: Blankets were given as awards of achievement. Finally, no grad would be complete without food and music.



## Field Trip

### Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR)



■ *There's nothing like a field trip to inspire the mind. Kuwala\_2022.*

### All aboard, a trip to inspire.

The Friday of **August 19, 2022**, shall remain in the memories of most of the 2022 graduating students of Kuwala Christian Girls School when their school management team gave them a trip to be exposed to the nearest town. The girls boarded a modern coachline bus to Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi.

On their trip, the students discovered magnificent shopping centers, Malawi's Kamuzu International Airport, the city's main referral hospital, and three public tertiary institutions.

The girls were warmly welcomed by the University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) administration and assigned some experts to brief them on various academic issues and activities taking place at the training institution.

One of the tertiary training centers under LUANAR management is Bunda College of Agriculture. The College is the only Malawian public university in the SADC region known for its innovations and research activities.





■ Photo Op. in front of LUANAR. Kuwala\_2022.

At this College, Kuwala students toured an aquatic farming facility, livestock feed manufacturing industry, and experimental farming plots.

In addition to the training centers of LUANAR, Kuwala graduating students also visited Kamuzu College of Nursing and College of Medicine campuses.

The school management organized this exposure trip to enlighten the girls on other avenues they might have missed as they leave Kuwala. It also motivates the girls to work harder as they prepare for their national examinations. Yes, they graduate first but write their exams to receive a final mark.



■ Bananas growing near fish ponds. Kuwala is investigating growing bananas as a crop at the campus on the new farm. Kuwala\_2022





■ Students visiting one of the fish farms at LUANAR. Kuwala\_2022.



■ Girls in the grow room with vegetables using water from hatchery to add nutrients to the growing medium. Kuwala\_2022.



■ Catfish in the hatchery. Kuwala\_2022.

## Aquaponics advantages.

As the global population increases, demand is also increasing for food production methods that involve efficient use of resources and do not require large expanses of arable land. Aquaponics is a method that incorporates growing crops under soilless conditions (hydroponics) in addition to raising fish within the same system (aquaculture). Aquaponic systems are designed such that both the fish and plants utilize the nitrogen entering the system from fish food. The water circulation within the systems contributes to its more efficient use than traditional crop farming. The need for other resources, such as soil or chemical fertilizers, is also eliminated.



■ Demonstration of production facility where they make feed for fish. Kuwala\_2022.





## Hanging with their besties

School trips dedicated to learning, build life long memories and strong bonds that will serve these girls well into their adult lives.

Learning is more fun when there is an opportunity to shine & laugh.





## A new cohort of students arrives on campus to a warm welcome.

Following a busy week of graduation festivities for the Form 4 girls, Kuwala welcomed a new group of students who are excited to begin their studies for the new school year 2022/23. The girls and their parents participated in an orientation and a tour of the campus, followed by a luncheon.

## Campus update.

Schools in Malawi take a short break in September. October 2022 marks the beginning of the new school year. The 2022-23 school year will see the return of 120 girls, spread out in four classes Forms 1-4. It is equivalent to our grades 9-12 in North America.



■ New cohort of Kuwala students. Kuwala\_2022.



■ Nancy briefing the parents and girls on registration fees and other payments such as beans, and maize. Kuwala\_2022.



## Construction update

### Building futures



■ Second classroom block, construction worker using trowel to plaster the interior walls. Kuwala\_2022.

### Construction activity this month.

Construction is moving along at a steady pace. The new classroom block and the first staff duplex are in the plastering stage, and wiring is being installed in the first duplex. The new power distribution house is almost complete. The foundation has begun on the maize millhouse, situated on the farmland beside the Kuwala campus.



■ Worker plastering 1<sup>st</sup> duplex staffhouses. Kuwala\_2022.



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■ Front view 1<sup>st</sup> duplex staffhouse. Kuwala\_2022.



■ Construction of the new power house. Kuwala\_2022.

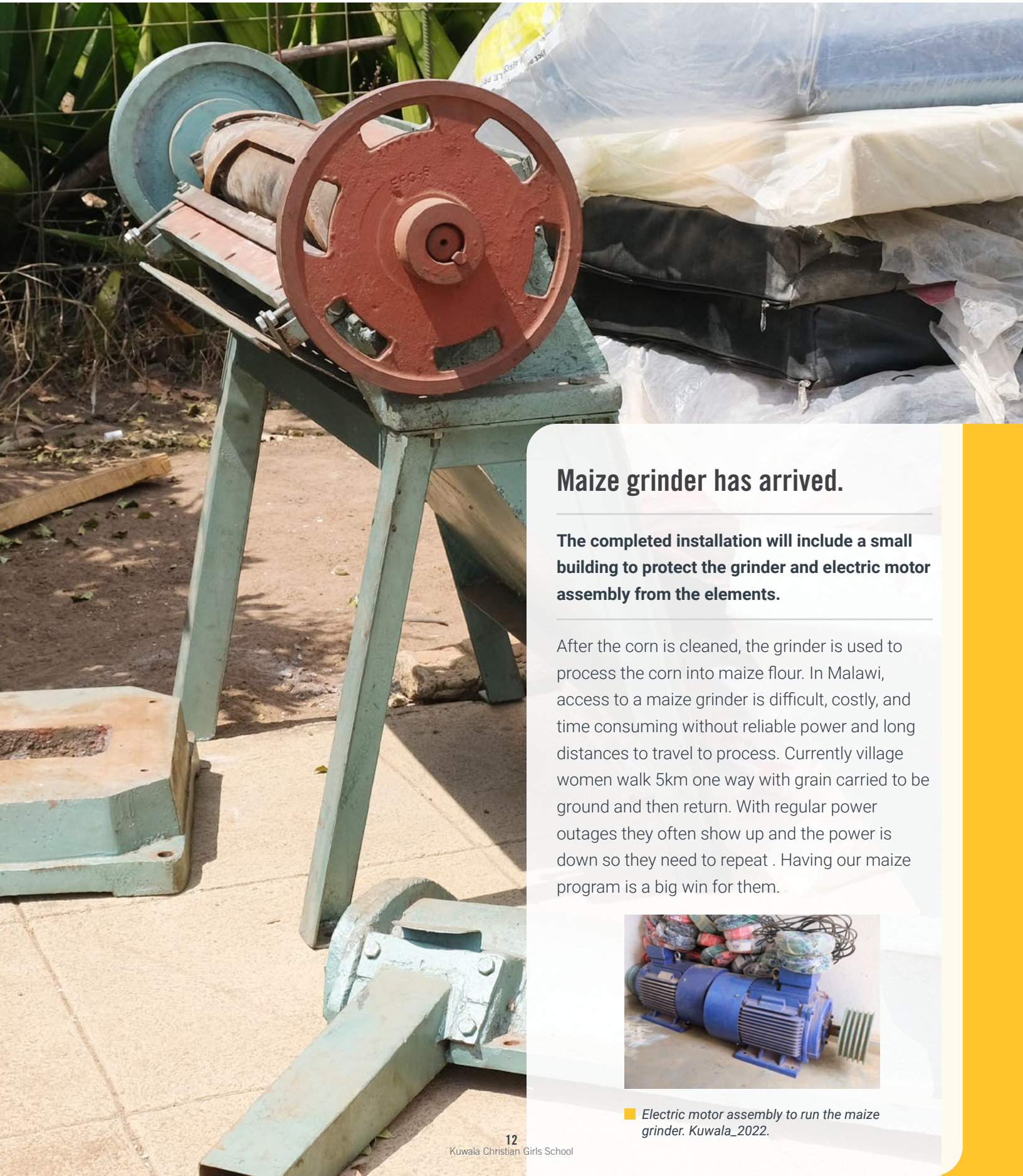


■ Second classblock above beam level. Kuwala\_2022.



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### Maize grinder has arrived.

**The completed installation will include a small building to protect the grinder and electric motor assembly from the elements.**

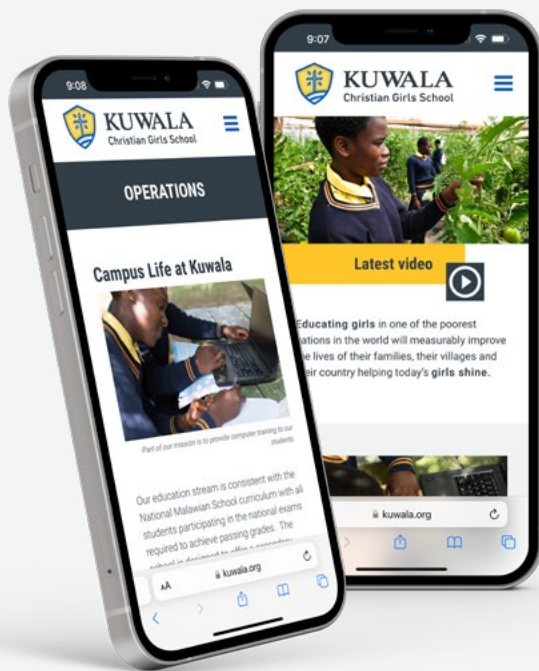
After the corn is cleaned, the grinder is used to process the corn into maize flour. In Malawi, access to a maize grinder is difficult, costly, and time consuming without reliable power and long distances to travel to process. Currently village women walk 5km one way with grain carried to be ground and then return. With regular power outages they often show up and the power is down so they need to repeat . Having our maize program is a big win for them.



■ Electric motor assembly to run the maize grinder. 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](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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