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# FUN IN THE SUN.

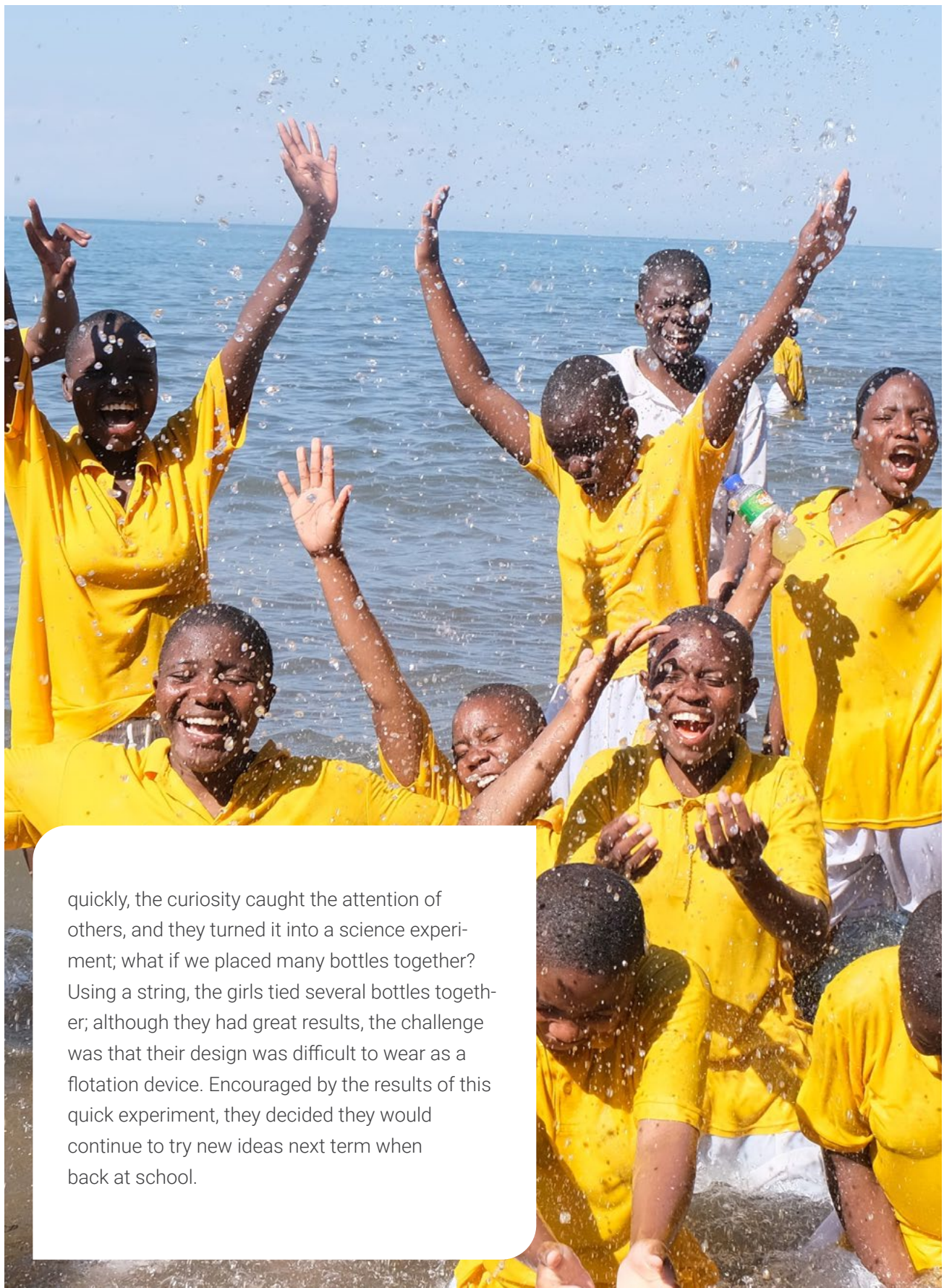
## A FINAL YEAR-END FIELD TRIP TO LAKE MALAWI.



■ Students enjoying their soft-drinks to contribute the pop bottles in an experiment to see if they can make a life jacket and keep afloat. Kuwala\_2023.

**The Form 1 and 3 students enjoyed** a year-end field trip to Kabumba Beach on Lake Malawi. For many of these girls, it was the first time outside their rural area and to a lake. The bus trip was buzzing with many conversations and laughter, and the anticipation of the day's activities was exciting. The trip allowed them to travel through the sights and sounds of the big city of Lilongwe, which so many of the students have never had the opportunity to visit. They were able to appreciate what they had been learning in Geography. They observed mountains, large natural forest areas and swamp lands. Seeing the blue waters of the lake was unique to them as they could only relate to how beautiful it was through books. The teaching staff organized teams of students and teachers for competitive games of a tag of war and beach football, known as soccer in North America. The girls got to wear the new colourful team pinnies that the Canadian Board members brought over in May, and the beach sand was perfect for a football field, running barefoot! One of the students noticed that one of their beverage bottles was floating while enjoying a cold beverage in the lake. Curious, Lodges tried to put four empty bottles inside her T-shirt and tried to swim. Surprisingly, it worked; she could swim! Very





quickly, the curiosity caught the attention of others, and they turned it into a science experiment; what if we placed many bottles together? Using a string, the girls tied several bottles together; although they had great results, the challenge was that their design was difficult to wear as a flotation device. Encouraged by the results of this quick experiment, they decided they would continue to try new ideas next term when back at school.



## LEAVING WITH SMILES.

We will miss Kuwala.  
Kuwala was our home-  
Pephero, Maureen, Tadala  
and Rihan leaving Kuwala  
campus with smiles.



## NEW BEGINNINGS

**STUDENTS AND PARENTS GET  
THE LAY OF THE LAND WITH  
RULES AND SET EXPECTATIONS.**

**Earlier this month,** Kuwala hosted a meeting with the upcoming Form 1 students and their parents. Mr. Maganda reviewed the rules and expectations with the parents in the local language of Chichewa so they could understand completely. The student application process is thorough to ensure the girls are committed to the hard work it will take over four years to achieve their secondary education. It measures their willingness to learn and confirms they work well with others and are comfortable living on Campus. It takes the commitment of the student and their parents to achieve this success.

Mr. Maganga held the last assembly on July 21 before the Form 1 and 3 students went on break until September. His message was clear and precise: "Next year, you will move up to Form 2 and 4, and all of you will be National Exam candidates; please go home and continue to study."



# HAPPY TO BE DONE WITH THE NATIONAL EXAMS.

LOYCE + PEPHERO / KUWALA STUDENTS







# SCHOOL'S OUT.

**EVEN WHEN THE CLASSROOMS ARE QUIET, THE IMPACT OF EDUCATION ECHOES ON. SHINE BRIGHT. HAPPY TRAVELS.**





■ *We are happy - we have reached the end of the year. Kuwala\_2023.*

**The exam results are in**, so many students are relieved they have passed! They are packing up, taking their last photos with their teacher and heading home for a break until September. Other outstanding and exciting news about our first graduating class in 2022 is that over 40% of our students qualified for University. This is a significant achievement for Kuwala, excellent results we can all be proud of.

# OUR CREATIVE TEAM IN MALAWI.

**THE KUWALA CANADIAN BOARD  
WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
CHIMWEMWE, OUR PAST  
KUWALA PHOTOGRAPHER,  
WHO HAS BEEN CAPTURING  
INCREDIBLE PHOTOS  
IN MALAWI FOR THE PAST  
FEW YEARS. A BIG THANK YOU  
FROM ALL OF US.**



■ *Chimwemwe, our past photographer that got it all started.  
Kuwala\_2023.*

**Chimwemwe** will continue providing backup support for the new Newsletter Team photographer living at Kuwala. We truly appreciate your creative talents in capturing the smiles and action at Kuwala. Our newsletter stories spring to life with the colourful photos you send, and the videos speak volumes to our donors and supporters worldwide on our social media channels and presentations. We value our friendship and thank you for your incredible contribution to Kuwala!





■ Chembekezo Tchaire. Kuwala\_2023.

# MEET CHEMBEKEZO TCHAIRE.

## KUWALA'S NEW NEWSLETTER TEAM PHOTOGRAPHER IN MALAWI.

**In his own words...** I am a **Mathematical Science graduate** with Distinction from the Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences. I work at Atsikana Pa Ulendo Secondary School as Deputy

Head of Science and Technology. I also work as a Mathematics and Computer teacher. I am proficient in using Microsoft Office, SQL, programming languages in Java, C# and C++, Python, and statistical packages R and SPSS. I also have expertise in statistics and the ability to design inferential models for analysis, analyzing complex data and presenting findings in various formats. My wife, Grace, is a teacher at Kuwala, and we now live in one of the houses on Campus. I am enjoying my position, learning and working on photography for the newsletter team at Kuwala.

**WELCOME ABOARD CHAILY!**

# IGNITING POTENTIAL, TRANSFORMING LIVES.

**EMPOWER A GIRL. CHANGE THE  
WORLD. SOMETIMES IT'S WORTH  
REPEATING WHY WE ARE EDUCATING  
GIRLS IN MALAWI.**

**In the heart of Malawi**, nestled between the whispers of trees and the echoes of dreams, you'll find us. We are the Kuwala Christian Girls School, a beacon of hope for countless young girls yearning for a better future.

Our mission? To break the cycle of poverty and unlock untapped potential by providing quality education to girls who otherwise wouldn't have a chance to learn. Our belief? The world becomes a better place when everyone receives an education.

## **EDUCATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND COMMUNITY.**

Built with resilience in mind, our school is designed to withstand climate change's harshest impacts, from enduring droughts to destructive floods. But, we're more than just a school. We're a hub for



■ Mango tree. Kuwala\_2023.

## **SHINE ON, SHINE BRIGHT.**

**When you educate a girl,  
you illuminate a community.  
Because every girl's  
education is a step towards  
a brighter, more equitable  
future for all.**

**Join us in sparking this light  
at Kuwala Christian Girls  
School.**





sustainable farming and agricultural practices, enhancing food security for our students and the broader community.

We've sown the seeds of community spirit, engaging locals in our journey, and proving that schools can be good citizens too. The hum of our maize mill grinder is a testament to our commitment - fostering self-reliance and transforming lives, one grain at a time.

## CHANGE HEARTS, MINDS, AND FUTURES.

At Kuwala Christian Girls School, we believe education is the key to breaking chains and changing destinies. By educating girls, we enrich entire communities, helping to curb teenage pregnancy and generationally ingrained poverty.

But our work is about more than just providing education - it's about changing perceptions. We strive to uplift girls and challenge norms, advocating for the education of all young adults, not just boys.

## JOIN OUR CAUSE, TRANSFORM A LIFE.

Consider sponsoring a girl today. With 94% of every dollar raised directly impacting the life of a girl, you can spark change that resonates for generations. Take a stand, make a difference, and transform the world - one girl at a time.

## HERE ARE SOME KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER.



01

**Empower a girl.** Why: We provide education to girls who wouldn't have the chance to learn otherwise. We believe educating girls brings about lasting change and reduces poverty.

02

**Resilient School.** Why: Our Campus is built to withstand climate change's impacts which are made worse in Malawi making it harder to recover. Treading light on the environment, becoming self-sufficient for food, water, and power is not a nice to have option: it's become necessary.

03

**Community Focus.** Why: We focus on community development and sustainable farming. Grateful neighbours make good neighbours that have an invested interest in the success of the Campus. We employ local workers that fosters the economic growth where it's needed most: in rural Malawi.

04

**Shifting Mindsets.** Why: We work towards promoting gender equality in education. The girls then take this mindset back to their villages to spark and inspire change that education and equality is for everyone.

05

**Your Action Matters.** Why: Sponsoring a girl today makes a direct impact, this monthly newsletter is proof. 94% of your donation goes directly to educate a girl in need.

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- **According to the World Bank**, each additional year of schooling can increase a girl's future earnings by 10-20%.
  - **UNESCO reports** that if all girls worldwide received 12 years of free, quality education, lifetime earnings for women could increase by \$15 trillion to \$30 trillion globally.



■ Team of Kuwala security guards - doing morning parade to keep themselves physically fit. Kuwala\_2023.

# SECURITY DETAIL

## KUWALA IS THANKFUL FOR AN INCREDIBLE, HARD-WORKING SUPPORT STAFF.

**Our security team** has been exceptional in providing 24-hour security on Campus. Implementing a dedicated security team at the Campus ensures student safety, a fundamental aspect of creating an effective learning environment. The country has had struggles with issues such as child marriages and gender-based violence, which can directly impact the safety of young girls. In response, many schools, particularly those with female students, may have taken steps to establish rigorous security protocols.

A dedicated security team in such an environment would safeguard the students against potential threats, creating a more secure space where the focus can be solely on educational growth and

development. The security team assures the parents and guardians about the safety of their wards on the school premises, a vital factor considering the cultural and societal challenges girls often face in getting an education. The security team contributes not only to the physical safety of the students but also to a sense of psychological comfort, fostering an atmosphere where they can learn without fear or apprehension.





■ Tomatoes have started bearing fruit - expecting to reduce the tomato scarcity during winter season. Kuwala\_2023.

## CHANGE IS COMING...

**Our Kuwala Newsletter Team will take a break in August;** however, story development will still continue throughout the month, so watch for a colourful and robust newsletter in September.

Our format for the new school year will be to produce a newsletter every two months, bringing you updates on all the exciting **Stories From the Field**. This change will allow us more time to create the articles and gather all the images into the print and online newsletters.

# CAMPUS LANDSCAPING.

## LANDSCAPING AND BUILDING AT KUWALA CONTINUE.

The Campus becomes more beautiful daily with walkway borders and centre junction spaces designed to direct traffic flow, and greenery everywhere! The gardens around the Campus are starting to bear fruit. Drainage tiles are installed on all the building perimeters to keep the heavy flooding from the seasonal rains away from the building interiors.

Workers on Campus will remain busy during the break. Teachers and staff who live there will take some time to recharge and begin preparations for the new school year in September.

# 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)

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