

# MALAWI FARMERS NEWSLETTER

Malawi Farmers and Friends Newsletter

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## Our Newsletter's Purpose

is to provide specialized information to a targeted audience to help us market the needs of Malawi farmers and their families and to create credibility and awareness of how our readers can make a difference in the move from subsistence farming to entrepreneurial farming in the southern portion of rural Malawi.



## New Charitable Giving Group Forming

A group of professional men and women from the New Haven area are in process of establishing guidelines and priorities as an initiating committee that will soon become a 501c3 organization to help farmer groups in a forgotten area of Malawi.

The new organization will establish ties with farmers' associations already in existence in southern Malawi. These groups will form a new farmers association. They have already suggested as priorities deepening two bore holes in one village as clean water is not available for many hours during the day to hydrate families, animals and crops.

If these bore holes are deepened, it will mean fresh water is available and will help families avoid diseases.

***"Efforts are on the way that will demonstrate success and put emphasis on the value of empowering farmers in the building their own future. This newsletter will present visuals on needs to be met."***

***- Brother Larry Lussier, csc***

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Malawi Family sharing closeness in their hut!



Photo Caption

## FARMERS NEED BETTER FARMING IMPROVEMENTS

Successful farming depends on good tools, good seeds, crop irrigation. The local farmers need a place to hold seminars on updated farming techniques as well as on the economical use of the land, planting “land rice” that does not use much water as one of their crops along with the known crops of maize, sorghum, pumpkins, watermelons and ground nuts. They need to learn how to use the land, more efficiently and to use it in eco-friendly ways. At this time, there is no one to assist them. They are using old tools and animals to prepare the land that are labor intensive; water is at a distance from crops, and old patterns of land use is not efficient. Piping to bring water closer to crops is a necessity.

### It's called a story for a reason - the Gift of Water

No one should be denied the gift of clean water. This is a right of all humans but children, adults, animals and crops in the Chikwawa district of Malawi are denied this gift. Chikwawa is a forgotten place, underdeveloped. Politicians prefer to bring progress in other areas. For example, two bore holes were dug but not deep enough so water is still unhealthy and brown and not available in the afternoon. This water when available must be boiled for drinking, cooking, bathing. Rev. Austin Phiri lived there and knows how it is. His dream of bringing the gift of water to farmers and their families is a priority as it will be a priority for the founding organization—**Malawi Farmers and Friends**. Your help is needed. Your gift can be sent to **Malawi Farmers and Friends, c/o Rev Austin Phiri, 41 Alling St, West Haven, CT 06516-2703. Thank you!**

## Rev. Austin Phiri wishes all Blessed Christmas Holidays

Rev. Austin Phiri, a native of Malawi, from Mphungu Traditional Authority Ngabu in the district of Chikwawa in the southern region of Malawi, is the prime mover of the new organization to assist farmers. His family lives there and he has first hand knowledge

Rev. Phiri, a Catholic priest working at Hospice in Branford, gives each and everyone a Christmas blessing and promises those who are willing to assist him in transitioning farmers from subsistence to entrepreneurial farming a deep fulfillment in caring for our brothers and sisters in Malawi.



Rev Austin Phiri

## UPCOMING PLANS TO DEVELOP MALAWI FARMERS ORGANIZATION.

1. Meeting to form initiating committee.
2. Set up a bank account to receive donations.
3. Form a Board of Directors.
4. Become a 501C3 organization.
5. Develop a website.
6. Set up a data base of emails for donations.
7. Keep Malawi Farmers in the consciousness of donors.
8. Connect with farmers' associations in existence in Mphungu area to form an Association that would partner with us to help meet their needs.
9. Hire engineers to evaluate & open new or deepen existing water bore holes and install piping to access water in the villages.



Map of Malawi - See Chikwawa in the southern end.

## A FEW FACTS ABOUT MALAWI

### Geography

Malawi is a landlocked country about the size of Pennsylvania. Located in southeast Africa, it is surrounded by Mozambique, Zambia, and Tanzania. Lake Malawi, formerly Lake Nyasa, occupies most of the country's eastern border. The north-south Rift Valley is flanked by mountain ranges and high plateau areas.



Malawi's logo

# A UNIQUE WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

What can you do to make a difference?

- In order to create a successful organization we need participation. If you have skills such as leadership, secretarial, computer skills for data bases, can compose newsletters or handle a website, have banking knowledge etc. that could be used, contact us.
- If you can make a m alternative Christmas donation, then do so. Donations should be made to Malawi Farmers and Friends at the address to the right.
- Get the word out about our upstart organization among your friends and acquaintances –business or personal.
- Send us your email address.

We are a success story in the making.

Malawi Farmers and Friends hopes you join us!

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about Malawi Farmers and Friends.

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