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## Shine Village set to open its own Nursery Group

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The solar panels are now being delivered! The final part of the project is underway. With our own water and solar power system we can bring light and power to every building we add.



Chilambe Chief eager to "open the doors" with Shine children's co-ordinator and Shine volunteers

Entrance to Nursery at Shine Resource Centre

Our Resource Centre is taking shape now with a polished floor and window panes. Our kitchen and toilet block will soon have water thanks to a recently acquired solar pump! 2,000 litres of water will be pumped from our dug bore hole every hour; enough to supply the whole village! The purchase of our new solar pump was made possible through a Memorial Fund in loving memory of Shine supporter Paul Fenwick, affectionately known as Podgie. It will bring an endless supply of fresh water to the village for many years to come.

We thank God for every child and young person who will benefit from this centre, especially the little children.  
We thank God for their continued care and the ongoing provision.

**Early Childhood Development Group** at Shine Village will assist and care for young children (0-5 years), particularly those children who are vulnerable, orphans and those affected by HIV/AIDS. We provide children with one meal a day, and aim to provide health and development checks and ensure they will not remain affected by malnourishment. We also provide essential learning and early childhood development before children graduate to Government primary schools. Children come from villages in Kuntumanji. Taking care of young children gives their carer, who may be an older sibling, a single Mother or Grandparent, the chance to attend school or work and earn an income. We aim to provide more essential nutrition to children who come undernourished. £2 will feed one child for one month. Please contact us if you want to support this programme and donate to supply nutritious meals to under-5 year olds.

*Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter —when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.*

*Isaiah 58: 7-8*

### **Tula's story**

16-year-old Tula was orphaned at 10 and cares for her 2 siblings. Last year she became pregnant; like many girls in Malawi she was turned away from school and left with the prospect of never finishing her education. Shine was by her side during her pregnancy and looked into providing extra support as she desperately wanted to graduate from primary school. Today she is back at school and hopes to pass her exams in May. The support she has received from Shine now includes childcare at Shine's Early Years Group. This has given her renewed hope for the future and has inspired other girls in her village to aim higher at school.

Shine will be training child carers in areas such as child rights, how to look after children and general education. HIV and AIDS is responsible for causing many families and households to fall into deep poverty and with the majority of HIV infections occurring amongst those between the ages of 13-24 and an estimated 111,510 children in Malawi living with HIV/AIDS it is vital that Shine Relief supports the work being done in the community with families dealing with HIV issues encouraging young people to talk about abstinence.



Shine Trustees receiving the award

Students at Nsondole Secondary School & Masongola boarding school

Leading the way in girl's rights to education

## The Malawi Achievers Award goes to ...Shine Relief Trusts special achievers!

Like many developing countries, Malawi has had a poor record of keeping children in school and has one of the world's highest rates of underage marriage – a curse that entrenches cycles of poverty, inequality and ill health. We believe in the children and young people of Kuntumanji, and we believe they are breaking the cycle of extreme poverty in their communities and in their land, through God's grace. 20 young people have received support through our Bursary Scheme and hundreds more through nursery feeding programmes. A further 15 children aged between 5 and 14yrs receive support which helps them better achieve at primary school, and some through the provision of extra tuition. Shine currently supports seven students at Nsondole Community Day Secondary School and three students selected to board at Masongola and Mulungsi Secondary Schools. They will receive school fees, examination fees, learning resources school uniforms and help with travel or accommodation where needed.

Betty is the first in her extended family, in her village, to go to secondary school. So every morning she gets up at 4am, does her chores, washing and sweeping, before setting off on her 90-minute walk to be at Nsondole School by 7.30am. The other kids shout at her, asking: "Why are you going so far?" Boys make fun of her saying she will never get married if she goes to school. She knows education is the future and girls are opening their eyes. She tells them, "Don't be tempted to leave school, don't be tempted by the boys who shout at you and say you will never be married. It is a challenge to stay. It's easy to drop out, but you will regret it for the rest of your life."

**We currently have a waiting list for our Bursary Scheme as more girls want to stay at school but are unable to afford the fees and other costs involved. You could help send another child to school for just £7 a month.**

### Fundraising.

**Café INDIEpendent Scunthorpe Event** organised by Philippa Snelling of South Ferriby featured Indie Folk band "The Fabulous Project" also showcased a wonderful array of local young artists - Jessica Gibson from Brigg, Hull based "Hello Youth Gospel Choir" and Jack Conman from Beverley who together gave an awesome show. Phil Irvin co-founder of Shine Relief Trust spoke about the charities passion to help more orphaned children.

**Shine's Bike Ride Hull to Hornsea raised £1,007** with the youngest rider, Joshua aged 7, completing the full 30 miles on his BMX - and with a huge smile across his face! I'm sure his determination to finish the ride spurred on the rest of the 15 cyclists, as did the "mandasi" African doughnuts! A big thank you to all who helped out again this year and to Pure Renewables and UK LED lighting for sponsoring the event.

**Schools and churches supporting our work** - South Holderness Technology, Preston raised £231. Year 5 and 6 held sponsored walks and a cake sale. A big thank you to all who helped. De Aston School, Market Rasen raised £150 through various activities organised by pupil Ester Robinson- well done! Donations from church groups in Hull, York, The Isle of Wight and Milton Keynes have all played a big part in funding this vital work.

**Raising funds for Shine?** Please let us know so we can help you! Visit our website for more information. Check out our total giving page for on-line fundraising [www.totalgiving.co.uk/charity/shine-relief-trust](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/charity/shine-relief-trust)