

Kitchen Table Charities Trust

mobilising

the

Children of Malawi

25 more cases thanks to KTCT

If life for the average, 'healthy' Malawian child is poor then life for those with severe mobility problems can be dire.

The consequences for the child and its family can be many and debilitating.

The Government of Malawi does not provide mobility aids.

Even if they could find them, most families would not be able to afford a mobility aid for their child.

Without a mobility aid the child cannot go to school and will have a very limited social life.

If the child cannot go to school, in most cases this restricts both parents from working therefore impacting the family income needed just to survive.

Without a mobility aid, like a wheelchair, parents and guardians carry the child on their backs. As the child grows the weight causes back problems for the adults....and so the above negative cycle continues.

The prosthetics workshop at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Blantyre, Malawi has been developed to make wheelchairs each to meet the specific needs of those children fortunate enough to receive charitable funds to meet the cost.

Kitchen Table Charities Trust is a big supporter of this initiative and the following case stories are a result of their generous help.



Angela - 12 years old
Ntonya Village, Balaka
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Cerebral Malaria**



Antonete - 5 years old
Ngabu, Chikwawa
**Hydrocephalus and
Spina Bifida**



Anthony – 4 years old
Monday Village, Chikwawa
Hydrocephalus



Benarita – 6 years old
Ndirande T, Blantyre
Flaccid Cerebral Palsy



Chawanangwa – 16 years old
Chemusa T, Blantyre
Plastic Quad Cerebral Palsy



Emmanuel – 10 years old
Machinjiri T, Blantyre
Cerebral Palsy



Gloria – 6 years old
Nsalama V, Balaka
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Cerebral Malaria**



Isha – 8 years old
Muazu V, Chanthunye
**Ataxic Cerebral Palsy
sec to Birth Asphyxia**



Chinsisi – 10 years old
Chirimba T, Blantyre
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Birth Asphyxia**



Kelvin – 14 years old
Orphan Centre, Lunzu
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Birth Asphyxia**



Omega – 14 years old
Lunzu T, Blantyre
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Cerebral Malaria**



Steven – 10 years old
Lundu V, Zomba
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Cerebral Malaria**



Success – 4 years old
Mphepo V, Kasungu
Hydrocephalus



Tamandani – 8 years old
Pensulo – Blantyre
Spina Bifida



Khalidi – 8 years old
Undani V, Blantyre
Cerebral Palsy secondary to Birth Asphyxia



Georgina – 7 years old
Ndembo V, Ntcheu
Hydrocephalus



Ernest – 9 years old
Ndi V, Blantyre
Result of head trauma



Chisomo – 10 years old
Likaka V, Zomba
Hydrocephalus



Emily – 5 years old
Nyalugwe V, Mulanje
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Cerebral Malaria**



Martha – 6 years old
Mitele V, Thyolo
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Birth Asphyxia**



Debora – 10 years old
Nalingula V, Phalombe
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Birth Asphyxia**



Manuel – 9 years old
Kamwana V, Mangochi
Hydrocephalus



Evance – 9 years old
Msupe V, Mulanje
Hydrocephalus



Memory – 5 years old
Makhwethe V, Phalombe
**Cerebral Palsy secondary
to Birth Asphyxia**



.....and last but not least.....

Rahema - 5 years old

Jalasi Village, T/A Kandulo in Mangochi

Hydrocephalus

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**The messages to Kitchen Table Charities Trust from all the families are very similar and can be summarised as follows:**

- They were all genuinely overwhelmed to hear that their child would be assessed, fitted and supplied with a wheelchair through the generosity of KTCT.
- None of them imagined that they would ever receive such a precious gift and they certainly would never have been able to afford one and the future looked bleak.
- They all wanted their very grateful thanks to be conveyed to the people who made this possible and at the same time many of them in various ways invoked “God’s blessing” on them and offered prayers.

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