

## Zikomo kwambiri



(Thank you very much)



## for the gift of mobility

## 10 more cases



Bellita - 9 years old Msenga Village, Thyolo Cerebral Palsy secondary to Cerebral Malaria Matias - 8 years old Kambula illage, Chikwawa Cerebral Palsy secondary to delayed birth Patricia – 9 years old Chisinkha Village, Mulanje Hypoxic encephalopathy ( and dog bite)



Shandrick – 7 years old Monjeza Village, Blantyre Cerebral Palsy secondary to Birth Asphyxia



Samida – 9 years old Chiwina Village, Mangochi Cerebral Palsy secondary to Delayed Birth



Paul - 11 years old Phombeya Village, Machinga Cerebral Palsy



Edward – 9 years old Machinjiri Village, Blantyre Epilepsy secondary to Jaundice at birth



Olivia – 3 years old Nchisa Village, Mulanje Amputee – train accident 3 months ago



Chifundo – 9 years old Phunduma Village, Mulanje Cerebral Palsy



**Sefton – 8 years old** Julias Village, Phalombe **Cerebral Palsy** 

Surprised, overwhelmed, tearful, but very, very grateful ...... all of the families had similar reactions when told that their children would be assessed, fitted and

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supplied with a wheelchair through the generosity of Kitchen Table Charities Trust.

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.