

After clawing its way up the back side of Mulanje mountain, the sun makes its appearance a 5:00 am to bring a new dawn upon the campus of KARE Children's Home. The children are rising to get ready for another day of school and the missionaries are brewing coffee and preparing for the day. It is 25c at 5 am and will head upwards of 40c today.



7:00 am is the time for singing, devotions, and prayer with the workers and any children that are home. After devotions the work day starts. Mom starts her day with doing distributions of the supplies the staff require for the day. Then she is off in many other directions in her day whether it is praying with a few ladies or ministering to her up to 125 elderlies that come weekly. This besides running the household and watching over the kids as they come and go keeps her very



busy. Currently we are building more fence with funds that were donated for this project. Hauling bricks sand designing and finishing plumbing, making doors and windows for the dining complex, and studying the word of God keeps dad busy.

The children, after a long day in schools with iron sheets on the roof and no ceilings and little

ventilation, drag themselves home to be greeted by mom and dad who are also dragging themselves around in the 40 + heat. The working capacity of everyone is hindered in this time of high heat. We are looking forward to the start of the rainy season. Some days in the late afternoon a welcome thundershower passes through and drops some rain cooling things off somewhat, however the rainy season hasn't started yet so there is little rain.

After supper the whole family gathers in the new dining hall to study. Mom showers the youngest and supervises the other young ones to bed on time after

a 1/2 hour of study. The middle three girls study for an hour and after showing dad there study book they head off for some shut eye. The three secondary girls study until they are finished and have brought their books to dad for inspection.

The dining hall complex is coming along great. All the cement and brick work is complete as well as all the painting and electrical. All the showers are operational and the kids are enjoying them greatly. We have one the of sitting toilets installed and hope to have the other in this week. The 2 squattie toilets we hope to have in next week.



Shelving for the store house has been started and first section will be in this week. The door for store is in the process of being built and also hope to have installed this week.

On Oct 23rd we had a family supper in the new dining hall and it has been in use since that time. The children use it for meals playing in because it is cool and for home work and study time.

Our power supply company, Escom, has been having a lot of problems because of the low water after a number of years with low rain fall. Most days of the week our power comes on around 11:00 pm and goes off between 4 and 5 am. There are days scattered through the week when we might get a few more hours here and there but not much. Someone gave us a donation for a new and bigger generator which allows us to run our whole complex except hot water



and electric stove. The hot water isn't a big issue because the tank heats at night and it is so hot that with all the pipes running in the attic there is always at least warm water. For the stove we have a 2 burner propane great. hotplate works that electricity is another thing we are looking forward to seeing when the rainy season starts. We are praying for normal or above normal rain this year without flooding so that the normal water levels can be restored.

For some time we have been feeling the Lord ask us to start a church in the village we are living in. Since the floods of 2015 we have seen over 600 people come to the Lord in this area alone. Many have been asking us to start a church but we have been resisting as we wanted to be open to all church groups but now we feel that the Lord is saying to start a congregation here so that we can mentor and disciple people better.

Lately we received an encouraging email inwhich the person said they were praying for us and about this situation and felt that now was the time to start a

church and that we need to move towards this soon. So to that end we have been talking with the church group we have been fellowshipping with here and they also feel we need to start something here also. We originally thought of just starting in our yard then eventually we would build a building in one of our fields, however after praying about it and looking at the situation with safety and security we do not feel that we should open the compound to the general public. I know from a western world point of view you may wonder why not however from an African view point we can see some people would come once we open the gates just to be able to case out our place. We feel this would uncover and endanger our children. So to that end we want to first put up some pillars and a roof to start and then we will start holding meeting there. We ask that you would please join with us in prayer for this.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our partners for continuing to support us in so many ways. Through encouragement, prayer, and finances. You are indeed a blessing and we at KARE Malawi thank God for you everyday. Steward Joan and Team