



Salvation Army Empowers the People of Malawi

We are all familiar with TV reality shows depicting a group of people who choose to be taken to remote areas, dropped off with few supplies and have to survive the conditions. But at the end of the show, they go back to their homes and families.

In 2012, a group of villages in Malawi were moved from their historical lands and transported to an empty plot of land to begin new lives and communities. Unlike the TV show, the villagers had no choice. The Funwe villages are an isolated area that lack access to the basic necessities of clean water, medical centres, schools and markets. But they were not too far from The Salvation Army. Within the past two years an outpost ministry began.

"No one cared about us. But The Salvation Army gives us hope," says one of the villagers.

The Salvation Army has made a long-term commitment to work in the isolated community, beginning with two small projects established in time for the planting season. The projects include distributing bags of fertilizer, bags of maize seeds, bottles of farm chemicals, and the training of 50 farmers. These projects will benefit 250 people.

During a recent meeting with members of the community, the village



Funwe villagers at The Salvation Army's outpost ministry

leaders and others spoke candidly with a Salvation Army project team.

"We were put here like monkeys in a jungle. But because we see you, we believe changes will come, and that makes us happy."

The first major problem is hunger, they said "A person is only able to work if he has eaten. We don't have enough

food in this area."

Another concern is that small children do not go to school because they are too far away. It is 11 km to the nearest primary school.

As we build relationships in the community, we will work together to address the many concerns faced by the villagers.

Education for Girls in Mumbai

The Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship program meets the basic human needs of vulnerable children in developing countries.

For two years the program has supported 60 young boarders at Sion Girls Home in India, offering safe shelter, nutritious meals, education and life skills.

The project focuses on children who have been abandoned by their families and those found in vulnerable conditions in the city of Mumbai.

"The program has given them an opportunity to live a life that is dignified and gives hope for a bright future," says Major Ashok Dushing, Project Officer, India Western Territory.



Students at Sion Girls Home receive quality education

Giving Hope to At-Risk Boys

Street boys in Kenya benefit from outreach support

There are an estimated 250,000 street children living and working in Kenya. For the past four years, The Salvation Army has implemented a program called Street Boys, which provides safety for at-risk boys in the area of Kakamega.

Boys aged six to 20, such as Duncan (right), find themselves living on the street due to child abuse, neglect, abandonment, peer pressure and the death of parents. In most cases, these children do not have sufficient money, adequate nutrition or good hygiene.

Street Boys initially began with the provision of food and clothing, but has been expanded to keep up with the needs of an ever growing city. Now the program includes assessment of schooling, vocational/business training and sports ministry, all of which have been extremely successful.

Duncan is an active participant in vocational training—learning how to grow crops. The goal of vocational training is to provide skills and an alternative lifestyle from the dangers of the streets.

The key objectives of the program are to provide emotional and social support, build their entrepreneurial skills, ensure they are fed nutritious meals and empower the youth to be self-supportive so they no longer

live on the street. The Street Boys program is making a difference in the lives of young boys and adolescence.



Duncan, 22, has lived on the streets for 10 years and is benefitting from the program

Heart to God

The summer months for the International Salvation Army began as we joined together as One Army at the Boundless Congress. Representatives of the Canada and Bermuda Territory had the opportunity to greet Salvationists from each of our partner territories except Liberia, where delegates were unable to obtain the necessary visas.

As 2015 draws to an end, so do the Millennium Development Goals. The MDG's have done much to kickstart progress around the world, with more children attending primary school, child mortality rates reduced and the number of people living in extreme poverty cut in half. In September the international community will gather to sign the next set of goals – Sustainable Development.

The Salvation Army, now in 127 countries, continues to play an important role in changing lives with Heart to God and Hand to Man.

At this time we invite you to pray for The Salvation Army refugee response across Europe.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sustainable Income in China

Located in Qing Quan Village, China, The Salvation Army hosts an Integrated Development Program supporting the village consisting of 428 households. Through constructing water reservoirs and irrigation channels, the village has been able to breed pigs and plant honeysuckle that will increase the net annual income of each home by at least \$1,200 USD.

Since the support began, two

reservoirs and two irrigation channels have been built, a selfmanaged honeysuckle planting association has been established, 6,850 honeysuckle plants were planted and 140 sows and five boars were distributed to 70 participants.

At the end of February, a total of 1,766 piglets were born. Average income per household increased by \$1,000 USD in phase one, beyond the program's expectation.



Pigs play a key role in the Integrated Development Program



Supporting The Democratic Republic of Congo

Recent studies show that there are 400 million children living in extreme poverty around the world. The average person in a developing country lives on \$0.78 CAD a day. This can contribute to child labour and create generational poverty traps.

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In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), poverty is just one of many complex issues in the country. The recent, prolonged, civil wars have compounded life problems and caused distress for millions. Children have been especially impacted, with many being orphaned, no longer able to attend school and are malnourished through poverty and neglect. Psychological trauma also takes its toll — loneliness, fear, deep feelings of loss. Many children have been snatched by rebel forces and made child soldiers.

The Salvation Army is host to seven schools in DRC, which the Brighter Futures Sponsorship Program supports.

"I am in the fourth grade at Flambeau Primary School," says Mingoba, a student supported by the Army. "My father died of HIV/AIDS. My mother is

also infected with HIV/AIDS. She takes care of me but is too weak to work and unable to pay my school fees. Through The Salvation Army, I am equipped to attend school and study in good conditions. Thanks very much to The Salvation Army and donors."

Another child, Akole, also sends thanks. "I am in the 4th Grade at Ngabidjo Primary School," says Akole, "After the death of my parents during the war, my uncle, who is in the military, agreed to take care of me. He brought me here to Kinshasa, but unfortunately he had an accident and died. The Salvation Army brought me in and now I can study. Thanks to The Salvation Army."

Currently, there are 100 young girls and boys who are benefitting from the support of The Salvation Army Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program in DRC.

The program provides assistance for vulnerable children and their families. As a sponsor, you help break the cycle of poverty by providing children and their families with basic necessities, such as water, sanitation and hygiene training, school fees, uniforms, text books, nutritious meals, medical care, and sustainable economic programs for families.

If you would like more information about The Brighter Futures Sponsorship Program, please visit www.saworldmissions.ca.



Top: Children from Ngabidjo Primary School and their teachers: above: Akole with his new backpack



Mingoba in his new school uniform

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DISASTER RELIEF UPDATES



The year 2015 isn't over, but your generous donations to disaster relief have made a huge impact in the work of The Salvation Army internationally. Below are just a few of the items that have been distributed to people in need:



6,750 kg of rice



1,125 kg of dhal



96,000 litres of water



240 mosquito nets



4,440 kg of beans



225 kg of salt



240 blankets



4,440 kg of maize



630 litres of oil

Thank you for giving hope today!

Gifts of Hope

Choosing the right gift for family and friends can be a challenge. Any one of the gifts below will not only bring a smile to the one receiving here at home, but will also make a lasting difference in the lives of those living in the poorest parts of the world.



Hope Through Farming



Hope Through Education



Hope Through Health



Hope Through Resourcing Communities

The four new categories each contain gift options, which include: plant a garden, fish, vocational training, train a farmer, family health, bush ambulance, bicycles, sports and recreation, and ox cart. A complete list of gift options and descriptions will be included in our new four-page catalogue that will be available November 1, 2015. You can also find our catalogue online at www.salvationarmy.ca/giftsofhope.