A two-day orientation to tailoring

Our chaplain has begun a ministry to village elders including this man who became a Christian last year.

This boy was taken for repair of a full facial cleft, and is recovering beautifully.

A two-day orientation to carpentry

Carrying water for the construction of two staff houses at the clinic.

Field trip to an irrigation cooperative. The treadle pump clubs we work with are now planning to form their own cooperative.

Patients sitting in the shade at Katawa Community Clinic during morning prayers and health teachings.
Cover photo: Lydia Mwimba, a nurse at Katawa Community Clinic, with a patient at our new Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) clinic for HIV testing, counseling, and treatment.
Kindle Orphan Outreach is a Christian NGO in the Salima District of Malawi. We have two aims: to inspire and support orphans and vulnerable children towards lives of hope, reaching their full potential as compassionate and productive members of society, driven by a vision of community empowerment; and to provide education and support specifically designed to assist guardians to be able to adequately nurture orphaned and vulnerable children within their community.

We do not have an orphanage; instead, we work within the community structures, supporting children within their own families and villages. This support comes in many different forms, including health care, education, and community and spiritual/social development.

Kindle has a staff of 33 Malawians and 2 expatriate volunteers. We partner with local village development committees, volunteers, and over 100 chiefs.

Photo: Our management team (left to right) : Clifford Harawa, Patience Mkandawire, Joseph Kandiyesa, Tomas Mbereko, George Chiwewu, Kamoza Chimungu
The biggest news at the clinic for this year is that we are now able to distribute ARV drugs for people with HIV/AIDS. This is a huge step forward in terms of the services offered at the clinic.

We continue to be very busy at the outpatient clinic, seeing a total of 32,050 patients in 2014.

Malaria continues to be our biggest concern especially for children, with 60% of everyone under five years old testing positive.

We still have a long-term goal of providing maternity services, and in preparation for that we were able to construct two staff houses this year on the clinic campus.
In October a severely malnourished one-year-old was brought to Katawa Clinic. She had had a cough and fever for 2 weeks, and she weighed only 1.7 kg. We admitted her to our critical care unit with intensive feeding and treating suspected underlying causes. After two weeks of intensive treatment her weight reached 2.4 kg, her fever went down, and she stopped coughing. When she was discharged, one of our nurses and a community health worker went to assess the house where this baby was staying. The conditions at her village are quite poor and our clinic staff is now visiting regularly to make sure the baby stays healthy.

This child was only one of many malnourished children who have been helped in the past year. In total, there were 921 visits to our nutrition clinic and 10 admissions to our critical care facility.
Bitiana Billy, widow and mother of 6 children, lives at Chikunkhu Village. Losing her husband forced her to spend much of her time doing odd jobs for food. But now her story is different, thanks to support provided through Kindle.

After two years as a “Kolezani family,” they were growing enough food to feed the family. This year she stored 1000 kg of maize at our food bank for her family and also to use to pay others to work in her fields.

Last year Bitiana earned enough by selling cotton to pay school fees for her children, buy seed and fertilizer, and build the village’s first brick-walled house with an iron sheet roof. This year Bitiana Billy’s family will graduate from our Kolezani program.

There are 14 other families still involved in Kolezani, and we are also continuing to promote food and livelihood security through treadle pump irrigation, composting, and “village savings and loans.”

Photo: Bitiana and one of her daughters at their new house.
We are excited this year to be able to begin supporting another student for tertiary education. Last year we began to support Laston Lusta, a blind man who is finishing up his teaching certificate. And in 2014 we began to support Cephas Chiwowa, who finished Form 4 at Kaphirintiwa Community Day Secondary School and has been accepted to the Catholic University of Malawi, where he will begin classes in February 2015.

We continue to support several secondary school students, with 70 enrolled this year in our sponsorship program. We always try to select as many girls as possible into this program, but there are very few who manage to do well enough in primary school for them to have any chance at secondary.

We have started looking into the root causes for the poor performance of girls in primary school, and will be working with the schools, the parents, the students, and the local government to address these issues.

We also remain involved with Mkaka Community-Based Childcare Centre (CBCC), and we hope to provide further training and encouragement to them and to volunteers of two other CBCC’s in our newly expanded catchment area.
In everything we do at Kindle we try to emphasize the importance of our relationship with God, and some of our activities have spiritual growth as their primary focus. We do not discriminate among beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries based upon their beliefs, but we do believe that each person’s spiritual life is a vital part of who they are. The following are a few of our activities that are primarily spiritual in nature.

We give pastors from all of the churches in our area the opportunity to come together monthly at Tiwale Centre to pray and encourage one another.

We have 34 Family Life Groups where people (mostly women, although men are also encouraged to take part) pray together, study the Bible, sing, and discuss all kinds of issues related to the family.

We have 26 Youth Groups where children and youth gather to pray, study the Bible, sing, and discuss issues of all kinds.
2013
Our 2013 audit is complete, and we have once again received a clean bill of health. The auditors were convinced that we have followed generally acceptable practices for NGO’s, that funds were used for the purposes for which the financing was provided; goods and services were procured using appropriate procedures; there is adequate documentation; and everything that we say exists really does exist! A copy of the audit can be requested by emailing director@kindlemw.org.

2014
We received the equivalent of USD 362,540 including gifts-in-kind, our total expenses were USD 359,051, and we managed to achieve nearly everything that was in our action plan.

2015
Our basic budget is approximately USD 350,000 including gifts-in-kind, and we are in still need of roughly USD 50,000 to make this budget. We work hard to make sure that everything we do is for the benefit of those in the community, so one of the largest components of our budget is “direct community inputs” like medicines, nutritious foods, school fees, and materials for training sessions. The other major component of the budget is Kindle staff, most of whom work directly with the community as health care providers, trainers, and advisors in their various areas of expertise.
Kindle Orphan Outreach does not act alone. There are many organizations, churches, and individuals who provide gifts in kind, financial support, encouragement, wisdom, and workers.

Our foundational verse about caring for orphans is from the book of James, but there is also other wisdom to be found in the same book: “Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights…” (James 1:16-17)

We acknowledge that all good things come from our Father in Heaven, and that without Him we could never hope to do anything of significance.
This 2014 Annual Report for Kindle Orphan Outreach was assembled by former director Dean Stocker, with inputs from the entire Kindle Management Team. Photos were taken by various Kindle staff members and volunteers.

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