

Respond to letter dated 29.Jan. 2010

Dear Sir,

First and most on behalf of the C.D.C. and all workers here at the farm strongly thank all the members of GRACE Charity in Germany for the help given to the people of Chipunga (Here at the farm and the Community).

Secondly, I want to write down the anticipated projects for 2009.

1. Bicycles: We had a joint meeting with our friends here at Chipunga whereby we discussed about the issue of buying the bicycles. The reasons discussed on the meeting are as follows:
 - a) easy transport from Chipunga to Mzuzu for medical care because we have no reliable transport here at our farm
 - b) it helps also in chicken projects for carrying daw dust and sometimes transporting feeds from Mzuzu to here to the farm
 - c) for family use it also helps carrying maize for milling

On this project we should say sorry because we had a meeting. We discussed about issue and we came up with this conclusion but we didn't inform you or our friends in Germany (GRACE). We thought that when we where discussed with our M.D. (Bernard) he could inform you in time.

2. Goat project: We had five goats in number from 2006. Now we have three goats, all are female. One female goat died we have reported that. The goat has died in an accident and the owner sold it and gave us the money. The plan of this project is to buy new goats within next month (March). We have already find some of the goats. We want to buy three (two female, one male). Again we want to change the system. At the beginning we were giving out the young one produced. But now we want to say that if mother produced that means if it has a baby than the mother should go to the next person so that these scheme should prosperous to every worker and go through quickly.
3. Education: Last year we had eight students at various different Private Secondary Schools. Five sat for their Malawi School Certificate of Education. Out of five three passed for their exams and two have failed, which means three have qualified (they have the certificate).
On Preschool Ayla and Katharina will write more because they are the ones who work on that.
4. Health: On health things has changed because the prices has gone up. Therefore, we are proposing to increase the budget on health for 2011.

Education at Chipunga Primary School: I had a workshop with the parents- teacher meeting. We discussed a lot on improving better education at Chipunga Primary School.

I write down some of the points we had discussed:

- 1) We need more teachers:
 - a) more qualified teachers
 - b) unqualified volunteers (local based which can be trained within the school by other teachers)
 - c) Training of teachers at the collage

2) Material needed:

- exercise books
- pens
- markers
- pencils

- flip charts
- pen for writing on walls
- book shaves
- stamp machines
- first aid box
- wall clocks
- type writer
- solar panels (for night studies)
- racks
- slasher
- panga knives (for demonstration field)
- improved abacus for mathematics
- mathematical instruments
- watering cans
- calculators
- football and netball uniforms
- football + pumps
- schoolbags for learners
- portfolio bags
- teacher tables in class

From the CDC and the Community we proposed that we also need a school block. We want you to ask another chance to German Embassy because now people are willing to do whatsoever will come. The VDC committee has changed. Maybe they can do something.

Chicken project

We as Chipunga employees appreciate for chicken project as sustainable income generating activity. The project is very helpful in different ways:

- 1) After every chicken lot sales from each group (amount six group) GRACE is getting 25% out of the profit.
- 2) Every family household is getting something which means the problem that is in the house is reduced
→Special message for you on this project is that GRACE has benefited a lot in monetary terms- we thank you!

The CDC secretary has resigned from work. Our new secretary is Jameson Msiska.

Proposed project for 2010:

What we have discussed on the meeting that hold on 24.02.2010 we agreed that this year our budget will be based on following things:

- 1) Livelihood: We agreed that we will buy the following things if money will allow us:
 - a) Dinning sets (table and chairs- 6 or 4 chairs)
 - b) Fertilizer for 2011
- 2) Education: a)We ask you that if someone (student passed his or her Malawi School Certificate of Education) should do some courses or go to University.
b) Preschool has started by Ayla and Katharina so we need support.
- 3) Health: We need some support on HIV/AIDS for testing and workshops.

Thank you,

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