

Dear Sir,

Sorry for taking too long without answering this letter, this happens just because I thought that when I was writing you a report and answered then it is okey. With this strong apologise that the same thing will not happen again.

### **The chicken project**

As the time when you were here we have already stopped due to the problems that we were facing. On this one we can say that we had some problems, the prproblem was with our buyer. The problem that we had is that we were not producing good products due to the problem of having enough food for the chicken.

We had six groups in number but we were receiving maybe two bags of feed therefore we were sharing that bags and chicken should stay for a week without food then our buyer was not interested with our chickens then he just decided to stop.

We sat down with our buyer again to discuss with hin about the way forward, how we re-start our Project. Then he said with the money for chicken we can try not more than two groups just because the market for chicken is limited and we are just depending on the university.

Now we have started keeping chicken with one Group per stage.

But what we are doing now is totally different with what we were doing before. What we were doing before is, to get 25% out of the profit as our income generating. But now it is totally changed due to marketing of product. The prices of our product has also come down due for marketing. Now we are just giving chance to two people that they should keep chicken then after sales we deduct the buying capital and give it into another group of two-people.

### **Youth**

For the Youth, the project has been started with a high morale with about 15 members unfortunately the figures has been dropped to 4 people, because they were failing to attend the first meeting. The meeting was very important because we want to make some rules and regulation that they should follow when keeping chicken. Jonathan wanted to abandon the whole group of the youth but just because I sat down with him we discussed then we came up with the conclusion that all these who come to atted this meeting were the ones who will be this group. So four people came and started this group. Now they are in phase four with different members. We did this just because you know the peolpe from our area, if you are not giving them strong decision their getting things for granted. For the phase five they will be six that means three people will join the group.

Here we also facing a problem with the marketing. They are trying to find some places where by they can find the market but they are failing. Now everybody is depending on our buyer, to buy the chicken and sale it to the university.

The aim of this youth is to expand their groups into 3 or 4 groups, so that in future they should stand on their own. They should not depend on the money from the donar's.

It will take time to come to the point that they can stand on their own just because of the shortage of market makes them to divide the profit and use it for their needs. Hope that if they will find a big market for chicken then they will fulfill their goals.

I hope Mr. Schnell has send you some more informations about the chicken project.

### **Pre-school**

We have got two pre-schools what we have to look after, with a help from our friends the weltwärts team Antonia and Vincent.

Since we began this project it is difficult to say that it is slowly running. This is just because when the one side is running the other side is not running. We elected the committee of 10 members then you will see four are working others not.

People really needs the Pre-school but the problem is that they are good in talking but not in doing, so I am just pushing some of the other thing to work e.g. the teachers complain that they have to cook tea while the parents are not paying school fees.

For the parents at the compound they all have paid school fees out of this money they bought sugar for the learners. They were about 15 learners; after everybody has paid they had 3000MK and bought 1 bale of sugar for the whole last term.

Now for this term the school at the compound is not running because the teacher has stopped working on her own. When you ask them why they have stopped they are answering that it is difficult to work as a volunteer.

You know we had two teachers at the compound they are married so we are not sure if their husband told them that they should stop so we cant force matter. Now we are looking for the other teacher.

For your information the school from the compound got a donation from the GIZ. The money, amounting 80.000MK is to rebuild the class rooms.

- like closing the doors, making some chairs for the kids and so on.

We wrote a proposal via our partner Vincent, who helped us a lot to win this money.

I think Vincent has already written something about this project to explain more about it. He is the one who is looking after the pre-school at the compound.

Now something about the pre-school at the church which is running but at first it was not running for a few month. I and Antonia we met we sat down we had our discussions then after that we call the teachers for a meeting. We did so because we saw that the problem was with the teachers. The teachers attended the meeting they told us their problems then we solved them and now they have started the school.

The problems what they told us was as follows:

- communication problems with the elected committee
- payment of fees, what is 200MK per child. Out of 15 learners just 5 learners paid.
- Teachers had to cook instead of the parents
- Not training

They have closed the school just because they had a shortage of money to buy sugar. This means that the other children had to suffer just because of the others. Now we are trying to solve this problem with the elected committee.

People from the community are very happy to hear that Grace has eager to sponsor money for paying the teachers till the end of 2011.

The Teachers also complaining that they are not trained. So they are asking me that they have heard that there will be someone who will come to Malawi to teach the teachers at the primary school to work with disabled pupils. Maybe she can also train the teacher from the pre-school.

## **Scholarship**

It is really interesting in our community to have the scholarship since in the history of Chipunga, this is the first time in our area. WE did the meeting with the people from the community for two times, they were really interested with this. This is the way how first learners should be encouraged to work extra harder.

As I am saying now everybody is doing his/her best to win the next chance. Even the parents are really serious with their children that they can achieve something out of this chance.

The neighbouring community they are also asking means and ways how we come up with this chance. It is not easy to have a chance like this one in Malawi. During the holidays when the daughter of Emmy, Fatsan was back from the school, many learners they were very interested. And she had to talk about how life is at the secondary school. She is also encouraging the

others to work hard, so that in the coming year it will be their chance to be selected to go to the secondary school.

### **School block**

The building is finished now, everything was really impressing this year, because people from the community was working hand in hand with the contractor though they were some problems but there were trying to solve within a short period of time. Since we started the building the ambassador were not visiting the place. But Vincent told us that any time this month the ambassador or someone from the embassy will come to see the project.

Of course people are not showing their commitment when during their things but this time with the help from the company they have manage to do the work proper. I understand that Vincent being the supervisor of the block has already written something to you to explain how things are working.

Now the contractor has started to renovate one of the old building.

### **Primary school**

Soon after we received your letter we went to the school and we had a meeting with the mangament of the school together with the committee at the school. We were reading the letter togther then after I started to ask them the questions out of the letter.

They said that they don't told us what they need, just because if they just write few things then maybe you will give them just three outof ten. But I told them that this is unfair because as far as I am here you could even ask me what should we do. About this I could direct you what to do because now you have even to answer me in a proper manner. Then they said that next time they will do what so ever they have been directed to do. Sorry that they did things in this way. Every thing that you wrote in this paragraph is well understood for me and for them. We C.D.C. are just waiting for them that they will wirte a request together with weltwärts team so that we can buy them the items. Till now they are failing to write anything to us because nothing has been done on the door. So we are just keeping the money if they do anything then we will inform you that we buy the things and purchase to them.

They have requested for 1000 exercises books because:

- the goverment has stopped to buy them the books
- the learners from standard 6 to 8 their getting more than the others. They are learing about 10 Subjects and when the exercise is full they have to exchange and get a nwe one.
- The teachers also want to have exerise book
- For the reams of papers the teachers should organize the exams for every weekend to see the performance of the learners.

We the C.D.C. have already decided that if we will buy the item we will keep some up at the house were our friends the weltwärts team are used to stay. So that we should get some and give them when they will requested. Thanks that the budget for this one is supplementary to our budget for 2011

### **Weltwärts**

Ok, that you have received the working plan for the two femals. We were writing togther in some areas.

In June 2010 I attended one of the crucial workshop at Lilongwe. Outof that workshop we lerant a lot of things and from that time up to now I am supervising the weltwärts team here at Chipunga GRACE being the partner organisation for the GIZ.

One of the working plans is not fullfilled because one of the volunteers went away to Salima. She said that she can't stay here at Chipunga with her own reasons.

The C.D.C was not informed that she will be going out only that we have been told in the last minute that she was going.

More about that when Renata comes on 15<sup>th</sup> March to discuss with me.

### **Other things**

We have received proposals from other communities like Chigwere and Njiri. We have received two from Njiri and one from Chigwere.

- Njiri we have received one for their primary school I think you are aware about this that they said that they will have a chance for you that you can look for the other donors that they can assist them money for building one school block, 2 toilets and 1 teacher house.
- The other thing is the proposal from Njiri again. Concerning the Amasamalira fishing club, they have their fish ponds and their helping the poor, feeding people who are suffering from different diseases in the area. They are asking also about a donor who can assist them with money who can buy some food for the fish amounting 200.000MK
- From Chigwere, they want to build a day community secondary school. They have already started to do some of these things

We have send you all the papers for this proposals so, that maybe you can look for the donor to help them. I understand that you told me that as of now GRACE is helping only the community of Chipunga and after that is when you can look for other community.

When sending us this proposal it doesn't mean that the donor can assist them with the whole amount but they can just decide whether they want to help building a toilet or a teacher house. Hope that we are looking for a quick replay, so that we should be interested that GRACE is doing a good job to us here at Chipunga Community as such. It is also wonderful to you that this time in the Nyaluwanga's area people are interested with what GRACE in Germany are doing for us here in Malawi. Especially the people from the community of Chipunga. All the proposals from other communities are attached to this letter. Why we did so is just because if we will not send you these proposals then people they were thinking that we are not a good leader who are running GRACE things in Malawi.