



Many Smiles



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“Sowing the seeds of love – Malawi project”

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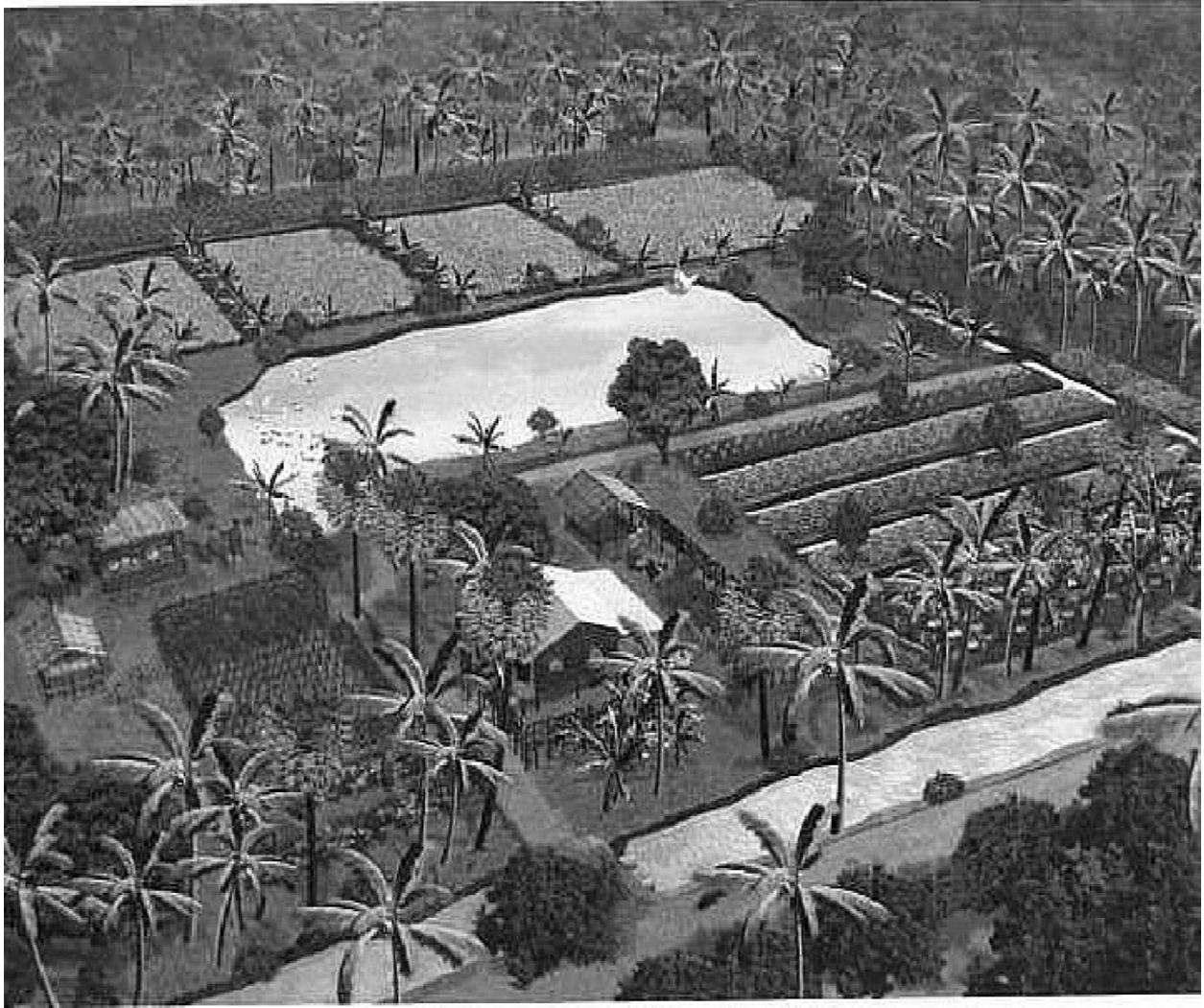
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One of the least developed countries of southeastern Africa is a place called Malawi. In a very rural section of Malawi is a little village known as Repo Village. It is here that a fine young man name Chisomo Njewa grew up and still lives.



While chatting on a social media network site, Chisomo mentioned how much he wanted to help his village rise above the constant poverty that it was facing. A place where children were continually going hungry.

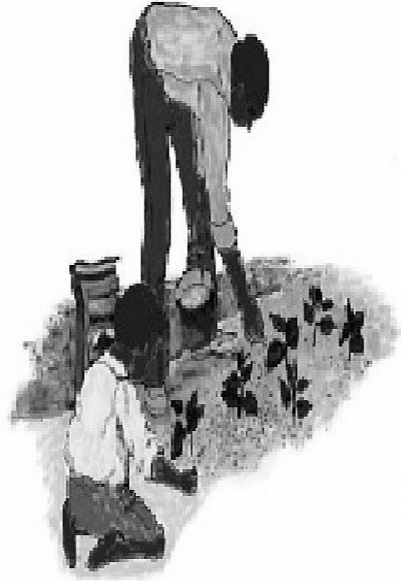


He had this beautiful dream of seeing his village become self-sufficient and an example to other communities of Malawi. He was one person determined to help make changes for the better in the lives of others.



Chisomo was especially concerned about the children of Repo Village. So much sadness on the faces of so many orphans. Children forgotten by the rest of the world, who lost their parents through disease.

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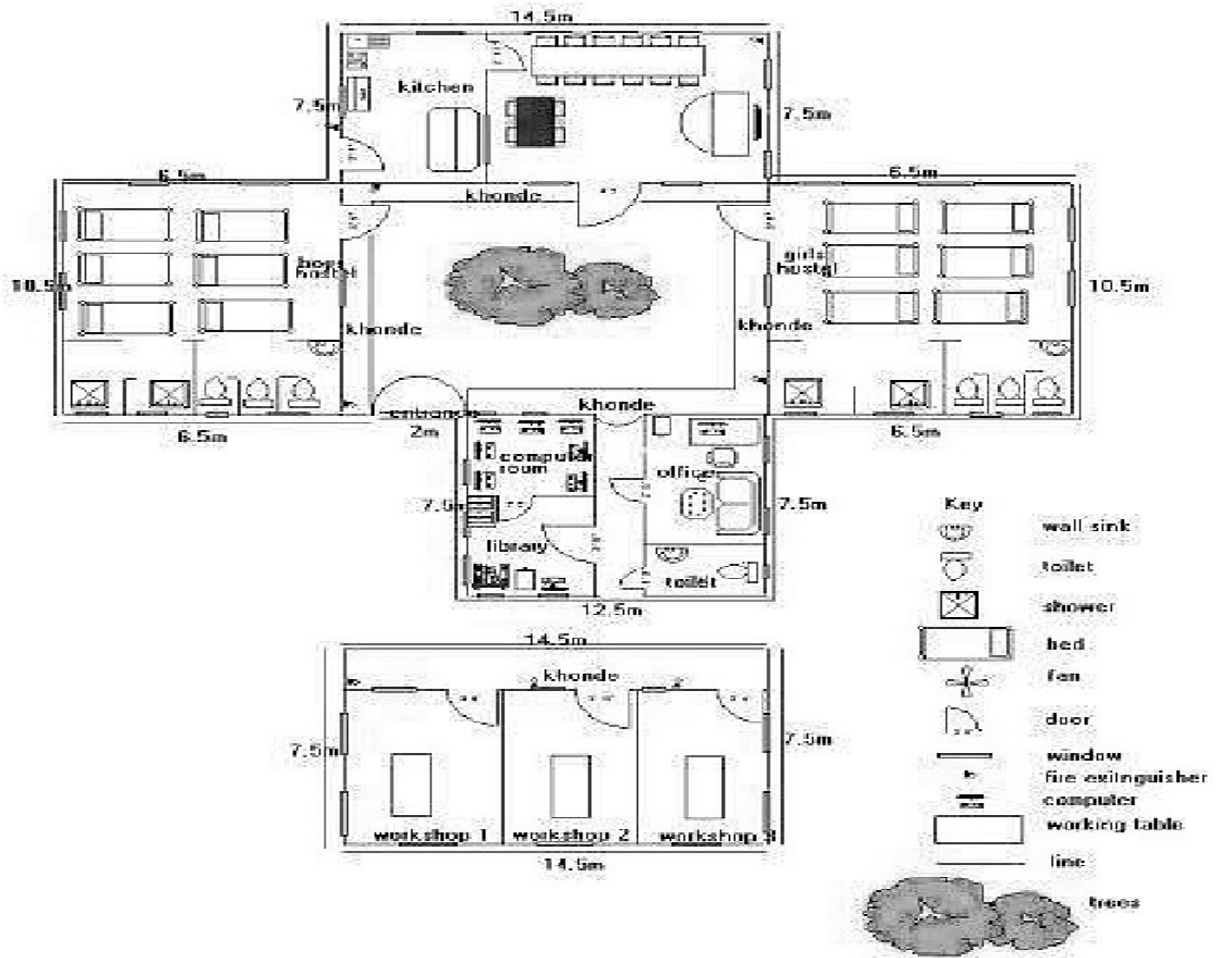


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Chisomo's internet friend was inspired by this young man's desire to do something to help heal the sadness and fear that engulfed the children of Repo Village. The young grandmother, living in Canada, was the first of many Earth Angels that became a part of the project "Sowing the seeds of love – Malawi." With her help the project got its start with an internet web site she created.



Chisomo called this new friend “ Agogo Angela”. He now considered her one of his elders. With her help and constant encouragement, the project was able to push forward to become an official non-profit organization in Malawi.



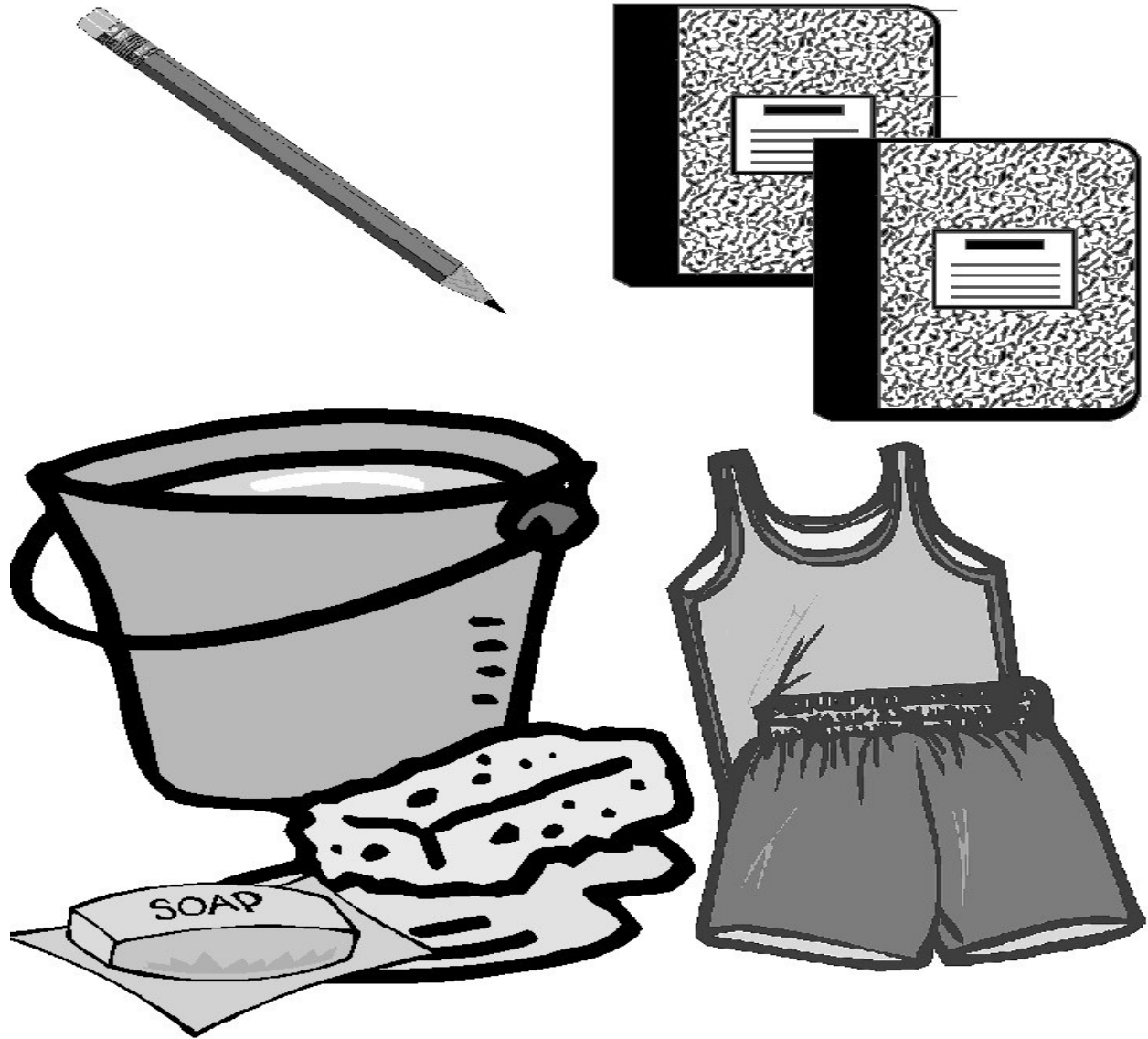
Donations to the project were slow in coming but Chisomo didn't give up hope. He felt in his heart that there has to be other individuals in the world who could be willing to help change the lives of these children for the better. Chisomo dreamed constantly of a building that would be built to house all the orphans. A place for them to be safe and to learn a trade to help them survive.



Repo Village has a total of 25 orphans. Due to the early deaths of their parents 8 of these children were forced to become the head of their homes.



Amongst the village orphans is a 10 year old boy named Kondwani. Like so many other children, he lost both of his parents to HIV/AIDS, at the tender age of 3. Since then Kondwani has been living with his sick grandmother, who can barely care for herself.



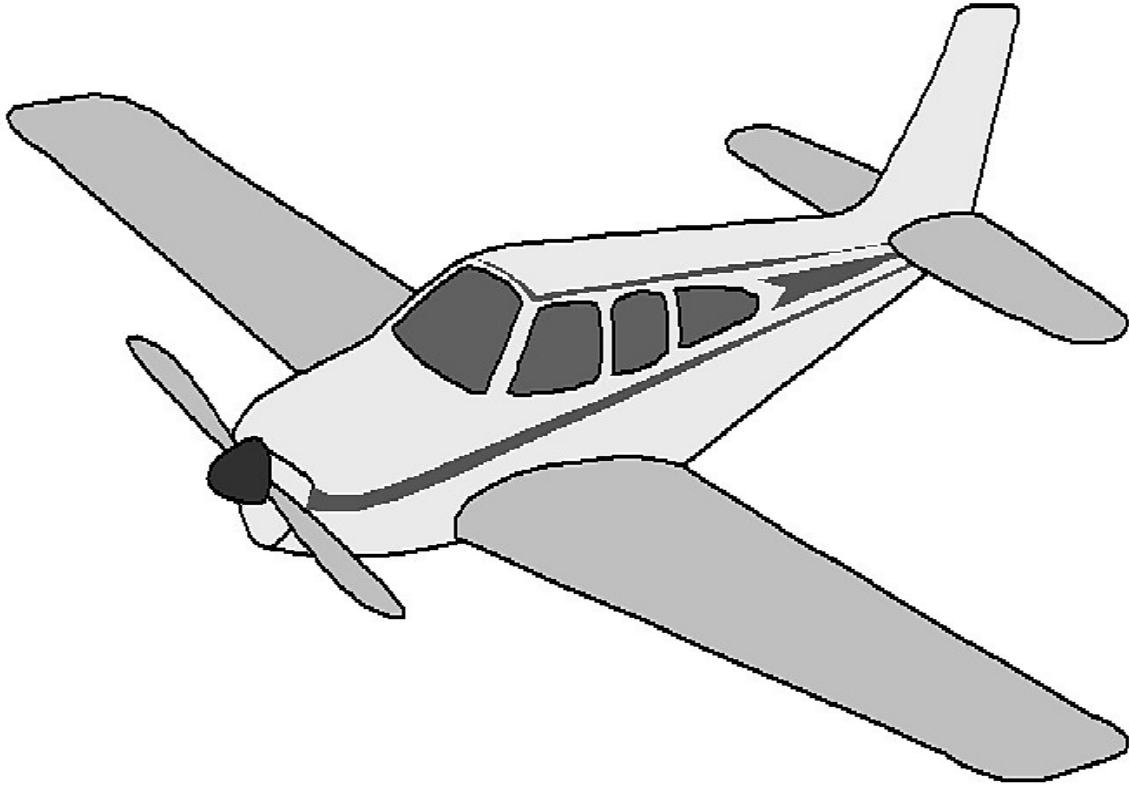
Kondwani translated into English means “Enjoy”, but this poor child’s life has not known joy. He is unable to get ahead in school because he does not have the necessary resources, such as proper clothes, soap to bathe with and school supplies.



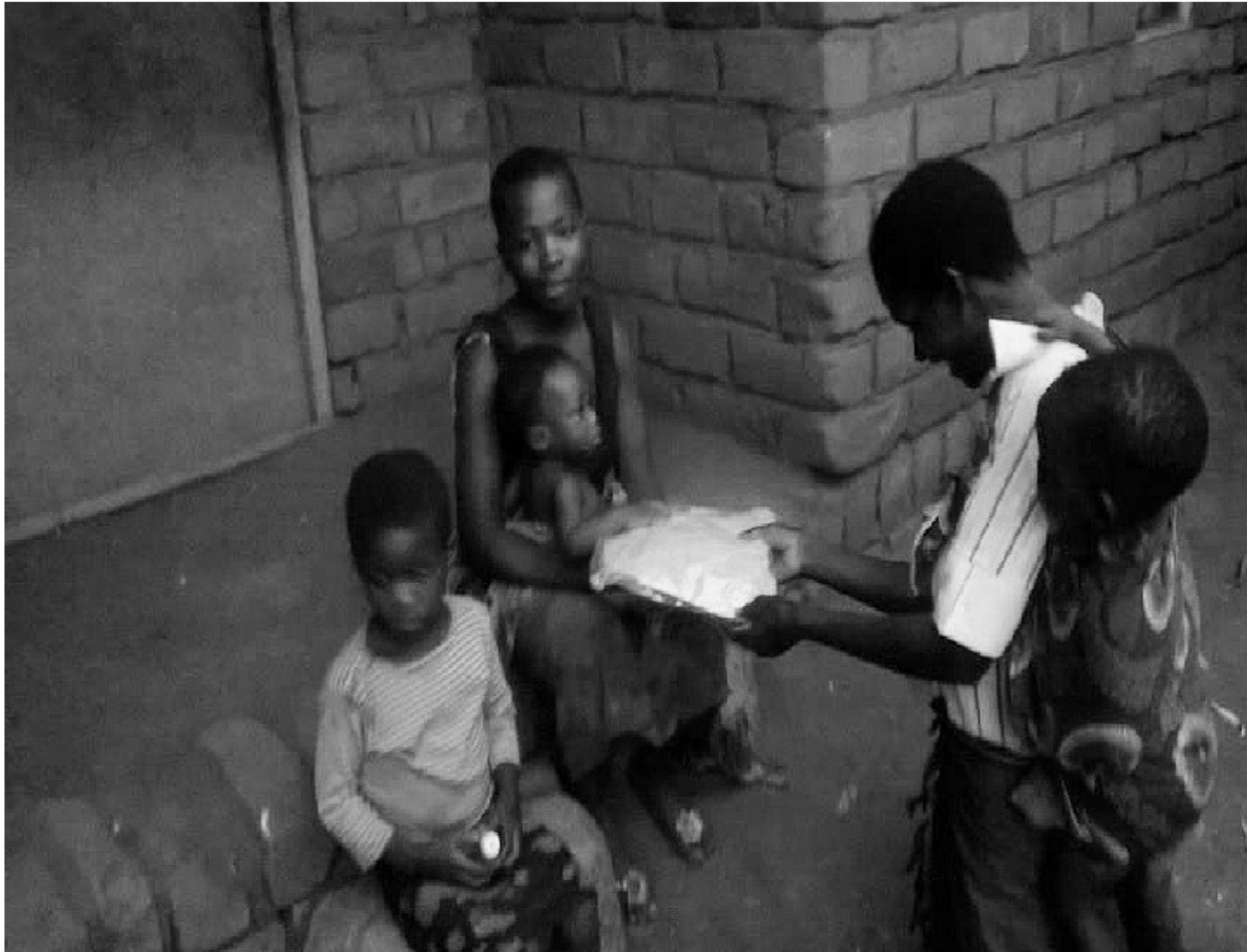
Kondwani's misery does not go away but gets worse because he is bullied and beaten by older boys while he searches for something to eat. Many times he has gone to sleep without a single meal for the day.



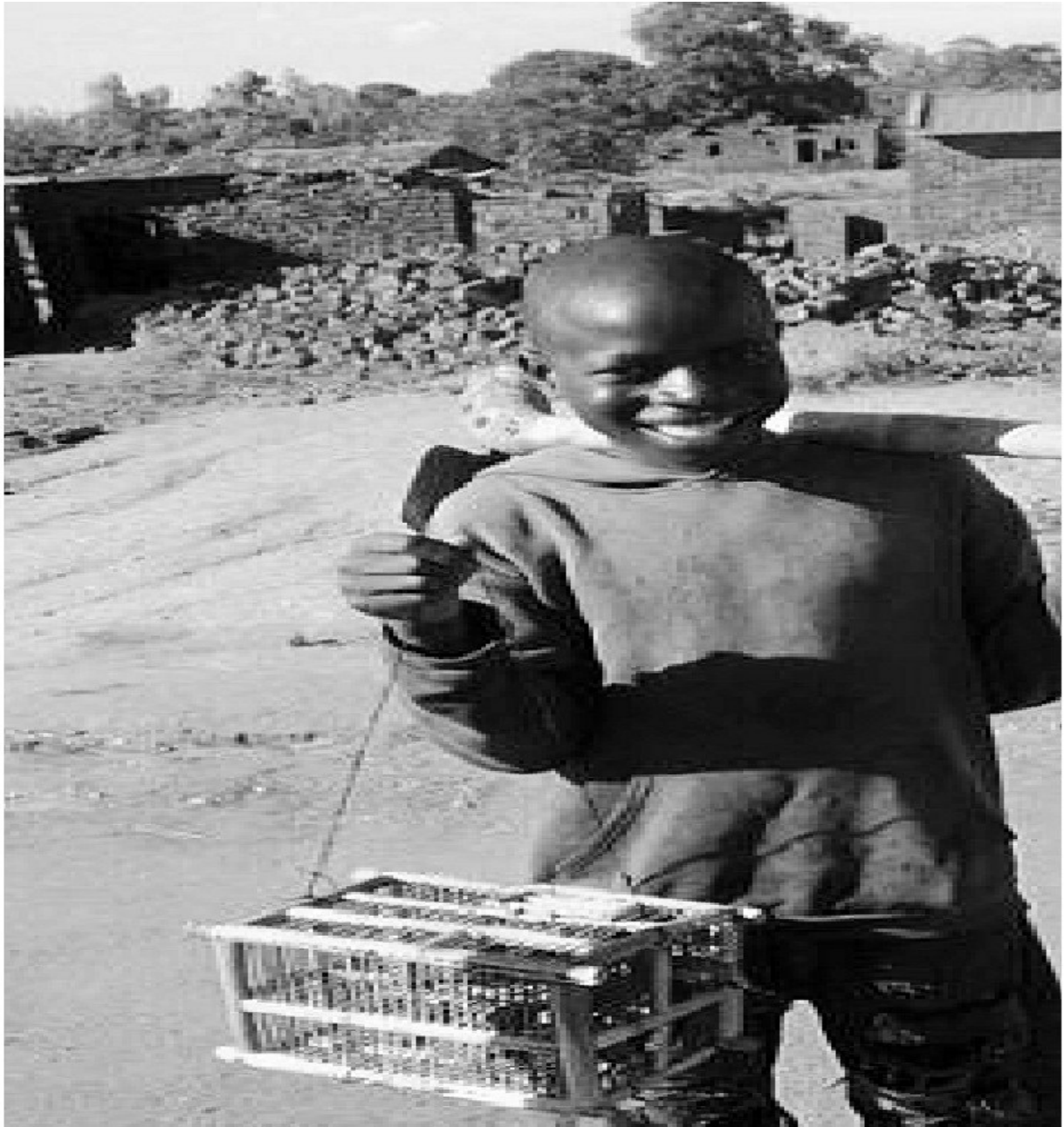
Sharing the same hardship problems of not having the needed materials to go to school is a 9 year old boy named Dickens. Dickens is truly his brother's keeper. Through the loss of his parents he is forced to be head of his house. He protects and provides for his two younger brothers John and Talandira.



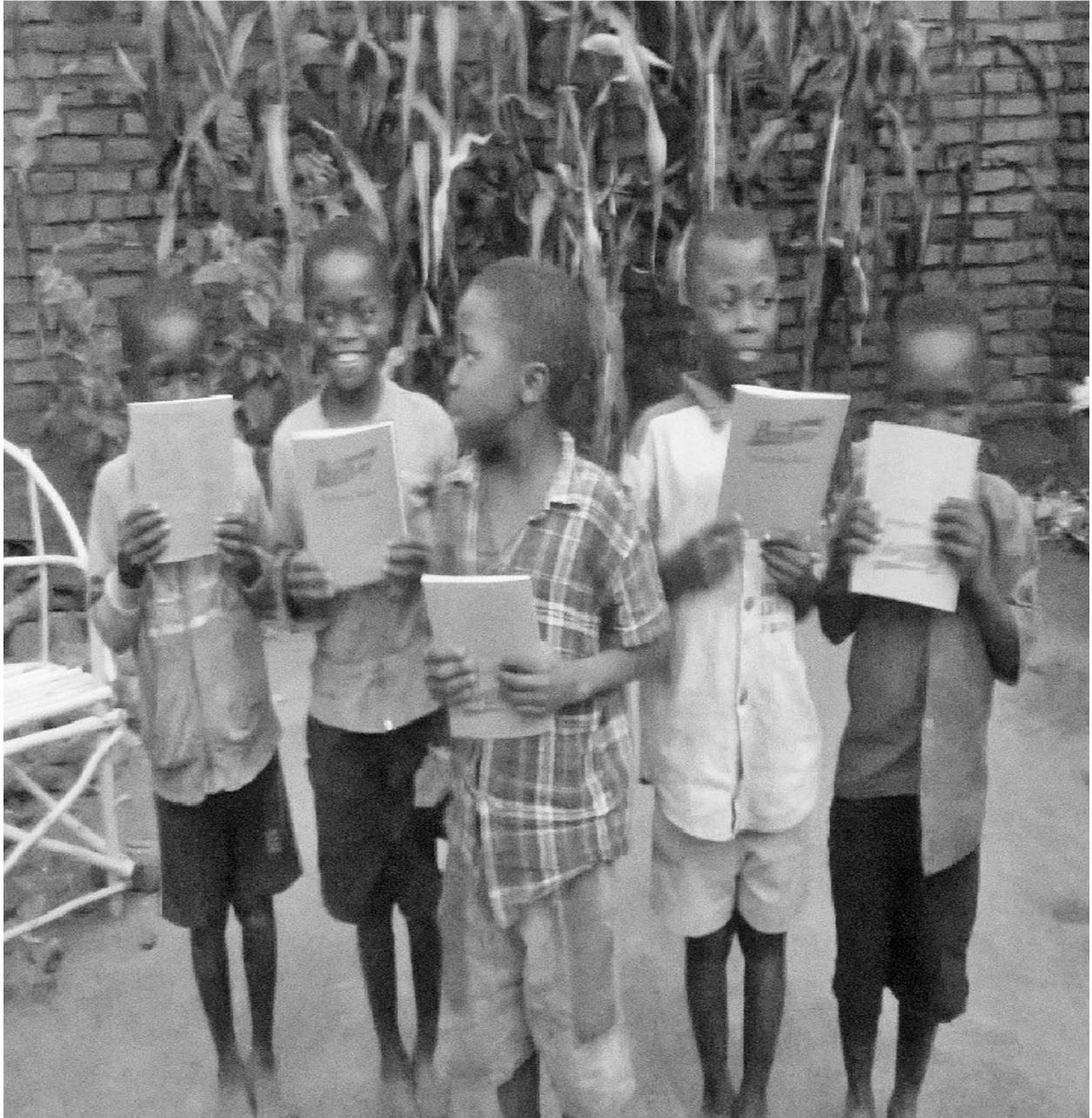
This small child's dreams of becoming a pilot are clouded by his constant worry about keeping his brothers fed and safe. One night a snake ventured into the home where they live and it was through the grace of God that they did not get hurt. Not only is hunger a big problem for them but security is also something they face because there is no real door to their home.



Another young child caring for others is 12 year old Linda. Linda not only has to worry about her sister and little brother, but she also helps care for her grandfather whose legs are numb, preventing him from getting around. With taking on this adult like responsibility, Linda had to drop out of school giving up on her dreams.



Another sad situation is that of Chisomo's young friend named Lameck. Lameck is just 15 years old. Because the young teenager has to care for his very old grandmother he had no choice but to drop out of school. There was something about his sad eyes that made Chisomo wish he could do more for his young friend.



So far these children have not had the chance to see the world as other children with the excitement of slowly growing up. They do not get to learn to live for themselves, because others depend on them for their survival. Chisomo sees in each child the great potential to be someone special and important if given the chance.



As time went by Chisomo's heart became heavy with sadness. He started to doubt if anyone besides Agogo Angela would help this project grow. Agogo Angela, the loving concerned person she is told him to be patient. She repeated the words of an old hymn as encouragement for Chisomo. "I'm only human, I'm just a man. Lord, help me believe in all I can be, and all that I am. Show me the stairway that I have to climb. Lord, for my sake help me to take one day at a time."



Agogo Angela continued to spread the word about the project “Sowing the seeds of love – Malawi”. Her hard efforts helped get many different types of vegetable seeds sent to Chisomo. Chisomo and the villagers planted the seeds with love. After daily care, they enjoyed watching and harvesting a large crop. They had enough from this first harvest to feed everyone in the village with some to spare and sell at the market.



It has been a year since Chisomo and Agogo Angela started this project. Chisomo's dream of one building for the orphans to live in still has not manifested. But sadness and fear has changed to hope and joy as someone from the United States donated money to get proper doors put on the homes of Dickens and Kondwani. Even windows were added to the homes to help give some ventilation during the heat of the day.



A few more compassionate people joined in this worthy cause to help change the lives of the orphans. A caring woman from the United States paid for a well needed wheel chair for Moses a parent living in Malawi. He no longer has to crawl around on his hands and knees to get to places.



Another kind hearted individual from United States donated enough money for Chisomo to purchase 20 live chickens for the families of Repo Village to raise. This young father of five also was able to start a branch of “Sowing the seeds of love” in the United States to help get more people involved.



One day Chisomo's heart leaped for joy as a package of hand painted T-shirts arrived. A caring great grandmother in the United States purchased and hand painted enough T-shirts for each of the orphans of Repo Village. Chisomo felt that for the first time these children were united as one large family.



Even though Chisomo's dream is still slowly unfolding he is able to see the sad faces of these children turn to smiles. The many smiles of the orphans of Repo Village is his proof that God does hear his prayers.

The End!

If you want to be a pen pal or to donate something to help the orphans here are their names. You can write to them through the Project Manager Chisomo.

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Orphans of Repo Village

Thokozani Kanfumu

Tadala Samikwa

Chisomo Samikwa

Gift John

Maluwa John

Zione John

Hussein John

Kondwani Madegu

Maya Khuchiwa

Keresi Khuchiwa

Innocent Mayere

Innocentia Mayere

Jennifer Mayere

Linda Mayere

Catherine Guwera

Esther Guwera

Betrice Guwera

Kondwani Kamama

Lameck Kupatsa

Dickens Malidadi

Witness Malidadi

Ganizani Malidadi

Martha Malidadi

Getrude Malidadi

Masozi Gadaga

Chisomo's vision for the children in his own words.

I always dreamed of a place similar to the Kondanani- village that builds homes for orphans. Something the orphans will take like home, never think of their parent's departure as burden but yet as a beginning of a new life to them. As they have to live in harmony, love and light of the whole world, while learning skills of how to make themselves self -sufficient, they learn about the word of God. There is so much happening in the world, a sign of how people have forgotten the word of God. How much people have forgotten to love.

Chisomo Njewa

Project Manager of The Sowing the seeds of love – Malawi

Letter from Editor/ Illustrator Agogo Crooked Arrow

Moni (hello in Chichewa, Chisomo's native language)

Sowing the seeds of love – Malawi project all started with Chisomo's dream for the children of his village. At the time of the editing of this book there are many things that the children are still in great need just to survive each day. These children depend on compassionate individuals like you and me for their support.

Even though the funds have not yet been donated to build the orphanage that would house all these little ones in one place, they need essentials that you may take for granted. Essentials such as soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, clothing, and school supplies and books to read.

Please help sponsor one or more of these little ones. Your donation can help provide a meal of porridge for a hungry child or shoes to keep them from burning their feet or a shirt without holes in it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Agogo Crooked Arrow