

Welcome to The RIPPLE News!

We hope you can spare a few minutes to read through our exciting news. We really hope you enjoy reading about how your support makes an amazing difference and how, with your further help, we can change lives forever!

STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Its official...according to the World Bank, Malawi is the poorest country in the world. With the loss of budget support and decreased confidence in the government after the theft of millions of dollars, Malawi is truly struggling.

For RIPPLE Africa operating at grassroots level (and we're sure for many of our supporters), this comes as no surprise. We are involved with local communities every day and, for them, every day is a life and death challenge.

This is why we really need your help; without you we couldn't help these people with education, healthcare, environmental issues, employment, and food.

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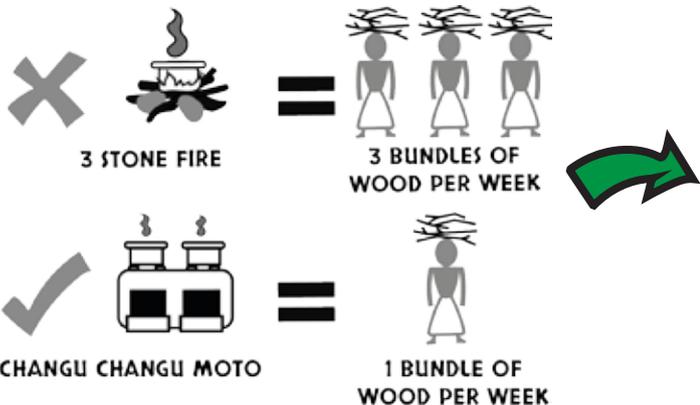
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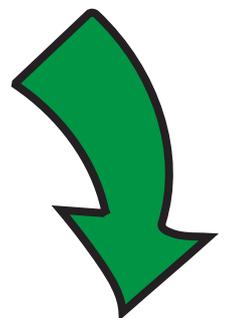
All our projects are addressing people's everyday needs and challenges; it's like a jigsaw puzzle.

A great example is the Changu Changu Moto fuel-efficient cookstoves; they use less wood - saving forests, saving lives, and saving time.

This is Jessie who Jo met on her first visit to Malawi when she went to Chinthche Hospital. Jessie is epileptic and, during one of her seizures, she fell onto a traditional three-stone fire and lay there until someone found her. Jessie suffered severe burns to her upper body, and the wound on her arm became badly infected which needed immediate attention. The area where Jessie lives has not yet adopted the Changu Changu Moto fuel-efficient cookstoves. After talking to her and explaining the benefits of the stoves, she decided to become an advocate for the project in order to prevent other people from sustaining life-threatening burns.



Take a look at our website here



www.rippleafrica.org

So how is your support helping to make a difference to families in Malawi?

Education

The New Girls' Dormitory at Kapanda School is progressing well. A big Tawonga Ukongwa! — Thank You Very Much! — to all our supporters who contributed to the project.

Two of our supporters who made donations towards this important project visited the site and spent time visiting other RIPPLE Africa projects.



To read more about Graham and Annie's trip, go to www.rippleafrica.org/ripple-africa-news/hands-up-for-kapanda.

Environment

The St Andrews Prize for the Environment 2015 Finalist! We were delighted to be one of the top three finalists out of 400 applications! Sadly, we just missed out to the Chimpanzee Conservation project in Guinea but secured a finalist prize of \$25,000 (£16,000). Well done, Charlie!

The prize is an international initiative by the University of St Andrews in Scotland and the independent exploration and production company, ConocoPhillips, and the competition is fierce! It's a wonderful accolade but, in reality, it's only two weeks of project funding.

For the full story, read Charlie's blog: www.rippleafrica.org/ripple-africa-news/the-st-andrews-prize-for-the-environment.



Changu Changu Moto

Our Changu Changu Moto project is still moving at quite a pace (funds allowing, of course) with 34,000 homes now using one of our fuel-efficient cookstoves.

Our colleague in the US, Kay, did a fantastic job of securing \$45,000 (£30,000) from the philanthropic group Dining for Women to fund another 3,000 cookstoves. Dining for Women inspires, educates and engages people to invest in grassroots programmes that make a meaningful difference for women and girls living in extreme poverty in developing countries. Watch this video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG5esPOsDr8) to see the impact this project has had so far from the people it truly affects – the women!

Letter from Hong Kong



We are really delighted and very impressed that James Hughes is running the New York Marathon in November on behalf of RIPPLE Africa. Delighted because this is the first time we have had a runner in this marathon and impressed because we are all exhausted just thinking about the prospect of running, let alone a marathon!

James lives in Hong Kong and is raising money to help build a much needed pre-school which will double up as a clinic for under 5s in the neighbouring village of Kande.

Please support James and cheer him on with this amazing challenge: www.justgiving.com/James-Hughes27.

Healthcare

During Jo's recent visit to Malawi, she accompanied Collins on several trips to visit clients.

This is Daniel; he is three years old and has cerebral palsy. Jo says, "Daniel was recovering from malaria and had been very poorly - as if he didn't already have enough to deal with! I sat there on a chair that Daniel's mum brought outside for me, and I watched Collins go to work. I was transfixed as Collins gently and patiently did exercises that stretched Daniel's limbs, increased his circulation and basically made his little contorted body more comfortable. Collins visits Daniel and his family every week, ensuring that his parents complete the exercises with the aim of Daniel being able to sit up on his own. This is not impossible — Collins has worked with other severely disabled children who are now at school, playing football, playing outside with their friends, leading independent lives. But it does take time. I was so moved by Collins' kindness and gentleness that I quickly realised I was watching something very special and unique."



Fact File

Name: Toby Milton

Age: 38

Position: Trustee of RIPPLE Africa since January 2013

Day job: General Manager, The Body Shop Benelux

What attracted you to RIPPLE? In essence, the broad nature of the charity. That it covers a lot of different aspects, that it is predominantly Malawian run on the ground, and the focus is on sustainability — giving a hand up, not a hand out.

Why become a Trustee in particular? I fell in love with RIPPLE Africa when I volunteered and was very keen to continue to have an active role in the charity, whilst acknowledging that I also have a full time job...so this seemed like a good compromise.

What do you want to get out of being a RIPPLE Trustee? To continue to feel that I have an active role and participation in the future of the charity.

Would you recommend becoming a Trustee of a charity? Yes, definitely.



A Big RIPPLE Welcome to a New Corporate Partnership!

RIPPLE Africa is delighted to announce a new corporate partnership with Ecoegg!



"We are passionate about producing eco-friendly products that don't include any harsh chemicals, are environmentally friendly, and good for your health. We are also very proud to manufacture in the UK.

"We believe it is important to give back to the environment where we can. So we have teamed up with the charity, RIPPLE Africa, who will ensure one tree is planted for each roll of our Bamboo Towels sold!"

We have just received our first donation from Ecoegg for a wonderful £1,700. An eggstatic Thank You to all at Ecoegg!

If you think your company would like to get involved with our work, drop us a line — we have plenty of brilliant ideas!

Help RIPPLE Africa — Leave a Life-changing Legacy for the People of Malawi

One of the key features of RIPPLE Africa is sustainability. Leaving a gift in your will is one of the best tax effective ways to ensure that RIPPLE Africa's work continues into the future.

Understandably our families come first but, after you have looked after your loved ones, why not consider leaving a gift to RIPPLE Africa in your will that will make a life changing difference to a Malawian family.

No matter how much you leave, your gift will make a huge and long-lasting difference to the people of Malawi. Your gift could ensure children get an education, have access to life-changing medical help, and protect the livelihoods of fishermen, enabling them to feed their families. Isn't that an amazing gift?

If you would like to know more, please contact Jo. Rest assured that all conversations are treated sensitively and confidentially.



Help us protect the future for more families in Malawi

Please fill in this form and return to RIPPLE Africa, Whiteleaf Business Centre, 11 Little Balmer, Buckingham, MK18 1TF

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| FULL NAME: | TEL: |
| HOME ADDRESS: | |
| POSTCODE: | E-MAIL: |

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If you are a UK taxpayer, we can reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you donate under the Gift Aid scheme at no extra cost to you. This will be used to help more Malawian families work towards a better future.

I would like RIPPLE Africa to treat this donation, all donations that I have made over the past four years and all future donations, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Please notify RIPPLE Africa if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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ANNUALLY

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Standing Order Instruction

This is an instruction to your bank. Please fill in the form and return it to us, and we will process it for you.

Please pay **RIPPLE Africa** — Sort Code: 30-14-71 — A/C No: 00817711

Date of first payment: _____

Bank name: _____

Bank address: _____

Account holder name: _____

Account number: _____ Sort code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the form to: **RIPPLE Africa, Whiteleaf Business Centre, 11 Little Balmer, Buckingham, MK18 1TF**

I would like to make a single donation of

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Please debit my Mastercard / Visa / Maestro / CAF Charities Card (delete as appropriate)

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OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

- By cheque / postal order made payable to **RIPPLE Africa** and send it to the address at the top of this page.
- Make a bank transfer to our account using the following details:
RIPPLE Africa — Account No: 00817711 — Sort Code: 30-14-71

Did you know...
50% of Malawians
are children!

OR DONATE ONLINE AT www.rippleafrica.org