



# 1 year 4 projects 4 continents

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Latest photos of our trip: <http://picasaweb.google.com.au/maxncay>

## Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for the safe arrival of the container.
- Pray for **total** tax exemption of the goods.
- Pray that all would act honourably towards the goods as in the past there has been stealing.
- Please pray for our visit to Kenya to see 2 sponsored children.
- Adoption process.

## Praise Points:

- Thank You Lord for the opportunity to visit the TLC Projects.
- Thank you that the Computer training went so well.
- Thank you for the work that is done in the fields and the efforts towards total sustainability.
- Thank you for the awesome opportunity to meet so many wonderful Malawians and witness the ministries they are involved in.

## **Reading:**

“Stories from Around the World 2”

By Keith Danby

## **Mangochi - Central Malawi - Total Life Care**

After Zomba, Max and I headed North to visit the Total Life Care (TLC) Projects in Mangochi. TLC is involved in helping villages become self sustainable with respect to food supplies and prepare for the hungry months from November to February. The projects include crop irrigation, diversity in crops, the rearing of goats, rabbits and chickens. The importance of such projects cannot be stressed enough as it empowers locals to take initiatives to improve their own lives.

We had the privilege of seeing the literal “fruits” of some of the projects and understand how a small loan for pest resistant plants could yield a healthy crop and then be shared amongst a whole village so that many could benefit and start their own crops.

The rearing of goats is also an important opportunity and can contribute greatly to

taught how to look after the goats to ensure they are safe from hyenas and kept free from disease. Of course the droppings are used for making compost which, in turn, helps fertilize the crops.

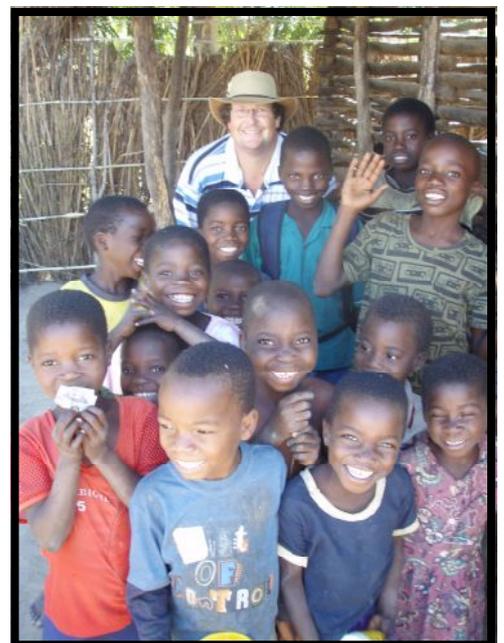


**Goats in above ground shelters so that droppings fall to the ground and can be easily collected preventing disease.**



**Michael & a very healthy crop of cassava which can be eaten both raw or cooked.**

the wealth of the family, and in turn the whole village. Goats are used for milk and meat. Usually the Chief of the Village decides who will receive the first 2 goats and then the offspring are given to other families who then repay when their goats produce kids (nothing like sharing the ‘kids’ around! Lol). The goat keepers are



**Other kids that like to be “in the picture!”**

**“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.”  
18th Century Philosopher Edmund Burke.**

## 1 Week intensive Computer Training



### Some of the participants with their TLC Computer Training Certificates

in the right place!! Of course we also looked at application software and operating systems.

We were off to a good start as Max had 8 computers set up in the Conference room ready to start Day 1 of our course. He had made sure all were working well and had been booted up ready to go. We had just welcomed the group when... Yes the electricity went out and was off for the ENTIRE day. Oh boy how we have come to love the power cuts (not!!). So we quickly stepped into Plan B. The dead computers at the back of the room were promptly placed on a table in the middle of the room as exhibits. Max took a



computer apart and explained what each piece was and the importance of keeping a computer clean. The participants were then asked to form groups of 4 so that they could share a "dead" computer, pull it apart, clean it, identify parts and reassemble. The participants loved the hands on. However, we were a little concerned when the first group finished and had their computer back together when Max found an extra piece under the table!! Their response was to quickly shove it in the nearest hole in the back of the computer. Fortunately, it was a dead computer!

Our main objective for going to Mangochi was to train both the ground and field staff of Total Life Care in the basics of Computers. The course was an intensive one week and covered everything from taking the computer apart, cleaning it and putting it back together again with all the pieces



Everyone busy stripping, cleaning and reassembling the computers during the maintenance section of Training.

### Old Computers and what to do with them?

Many people in the past have sent old computers that are still in working order to 3rd world countries.

#### A word from Max - "Please Don't!"

Why not Max? "The components are likely to be out of date and hence cost the 3rd world country much more to try to source the parts. If you are wanting to send a friend or organization a computer or any electronic device it is better to send them a new one. This will be much less of a burden to the recipient especially for replacing spare parts. Remember also to pay the tax for them."

Out of 12 'kindly donated' second hand computers to TLC Max was able to get **only one** working and none of the parts could be sourced unless of course we paid big money, probably more than new computers!!

Also, if you include preloaded software on the computer - make sure you remember to include the license and disk for the software. With any electrical device you send, please include a surge protector as it is the number one killer for electrical items.

Thanks Max

## Canberra Grammar students help Rural Malawian students...

Recently students from Canberra Grammar School - Edwards House donated \$250 to the Mlambe (Rita) Tuition Project. This is a rural project where up to 500 students turn up for after school studies. One must be chosen to attend Secondary School and these children hope to improve their future by getting as much study as they can. Cay Merritt was able to buy 20 boxes of white chalk, 10 of coloured, 20 boxes of crayons, 10 rulers, 10 scribble pads, 300 exercise books, 10 Writing Pads, 6 skipping ropes and 2 soccer balls for the Mlambe students. The students made a sign that says "Zikomo (Thank you) CGS Edwards House". The students are truly grateful and enjoyed trying out the new soccer balls and skipping ropes on Friday Sports Day.



Much love to you from **Max & Cay**  
(now on our way to Kenya & Europe)