



Building Christian character in children and exploring their intellectual capabilities by instilling basic biblical truth and imparting basic education principles that will enable them to excel with their education.

Ebenezer Update

Ebenezer Institute of Learning

July 2016

Willeke's Goodbye

"God is good, all the time, His love endures for ever."

I had the privilege to be involved with the start in 2008 and development thereafter of the Ebenezer School at Nkhoma. But the time has come to hand over the baton. In the last couple of months I have become more and more convinced that the leadership at the school is stable and strong enough to take over the baton. I also realized that two captains on a ship will not work and that the course I would like to take and priorities that I would like to set are slightly different from other team members. I am convinced that the Lord sometimes uses this to make us aware of upcoming changes. There is so much more work to be done and for me it means to step out of my comfort zone (Ebenezer) and follow the Lord's instructions to where He will lead.

Uprooting has been a very painful experience. Eight years of involvement with the Ebenezer School made the roots grow very deep. When I came to the conclusion that withdrawing would be necessary, I didn't have an idea how much it would cost me emotionally.

I loved every stage of progress, every child that has been enrolled and every teacher that became part of the school. I loved the communication with donors, sponsor agents and recently also managing the volunteers. And I came to realize that without all your support the school wouldn't have materialized.

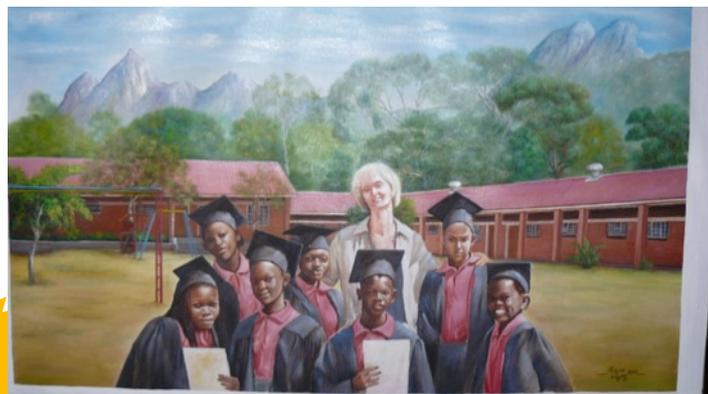
I had the opportunity to meet a number of you over the last eight years and that has made it very special. I will never forget Marielle's input and effort for our school and Dorothy who came to train the pre-school teachers at age 79. Ken and Colleen, Jessi, and the wide variety of short term volunteers, each sharing their God given talents. Then the people in the particular finance departments. Lisa Pressley, Hylie Enslin, Irene Schat, Moon Wha School, Klaasje Kooiker. The people that made sure the Ebenezer funds were well looked after!

In the weeks ahead, I will hand over the sponsorships, Ebenezer up-date and the communication with the Co-Workers organisation/volunteers. Our school Management led by Chrissie and Heather, will delegate the responsibilities to different people. They are a strong team and I am fully entrusting them to move on with the development of the Ebenezer School.

With this letter I would like to greet you all and send you the Lord's blessings. I trust that you will continue supporting the Ebenezer School and the work that Chrissie and Heather took on.

In Him, **Willeke Ter Haar**

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Graduation

Ebenezer's first class graduated this year! Eight years ago, the school started with two preschool classes. As those children have grown, so has the school. Currently, there are 274 students in 12 classes.

Our Grade 7 students celebrated their graduation after completed the Malawian Standard 8 Primary School Leaving Certificate. After putting in hours of study and preparation, they approached the test with both confidence and a bit of nervousness. Their results, which come out in August, will determine where they can go to secondary school. Ebenezer hopes to keep in touch with each of them as they continue on life's journey.

The graduation itself was a day of celebration. Each class gave a small performance before the Grade Seven students shared about themselves and received diplomas and a dictionary.

Please pray for Mirriam, Rueben, Tiyamike, Katie, Temwa, Taheer, and Takondwa for wisdom and courage to be witnesses of Christ's love to the world wherever they go and in whatever they do.



Staff: July 2016

Please help us to pray for each of these teachers as they guide and teach their students. The Ebenezer Staff Family is not losing any members at the end of this academic year.

BACK: Chifundo, Chrissie, Maya, Patience, Prisca, Elita, Heather, Annie, Justina, Susan

FRONT: John, Henock, Catherine, Mercy, Faith, Memory, Rebecca, Esnat, Stella, Gladys

CONSTRUCTION



Welcome, Gerwin!

Our school is growing and so our building projects continue. Gerwin, from the Netherlands, came in May for three months to continue Dick's work on the new class block. This desperately needed building will be finished in August, ready for the new school year in September. It will have two classrooms, an office, and boys and girls composting toilets. The Grades 5 and 6 students will use the classrooms. Thank you for all of the prayers that went into getting the funds for this block. Don't stop praying, please!

In the future...

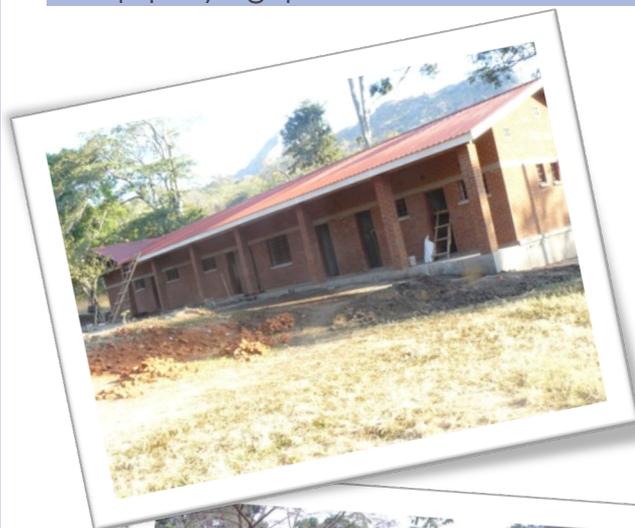
As long as our student body grows, more facilities are required to accommodate them and the staff. Building projects progress from one to the next, and we are thankful for the ways in which God provides what we need when we need it. Funding has been confirmed for our next two projects!

1. **Mariella Memorial Chapel:** Money from Mariella Provost's memorial will be used for a multi-purpose hall where chapel, assemblies and plays can be held.

2. A tastefully designed brick wall will be erected around Ebenezer's property to reduce foot and goat traffic and protect our students and grounds.

3. On the horizon is the need for our next class block. We would like to begin construction as soon as funds allow.

A school block averages US\$40 000 to build. We trust in God's sovereignty to continue to raise needed funds. Thank you for praying!



World Culture Day

Ebenezer does not exist on its own. People from countries around the world have made us the school we are, so we want to teach and celebrate our multicultural heritage!

We were excited to have our first World Culture Day. Each grade was assigned a different country to study. Through their studies, they made posters, books, displays, flags, food, art....anything from their country. They learned about the language, location, music, dance, folktales and other aspects that make the culture unique.

World Culture Day was a culmination of four weeks of exciting learning. Delegates processed in bearing the flags of their country. Classes did presentations with songs, skits, dances and demonstrations from their countries. After the presentation, parents and students were invited to visit displays from each class. Excitement filled the air.



On a final note:

Please pray with us as our school grows and changes. Each year is different with new volunteers, staff, added students, and a changing world. We must rely on one another, as God has given us each our own special roles as we make up the body of Christ. Please pray that we can build each other up with love and care for all of our needs: students, teachers, and all those around the world helping us.

In September, 60 new reception students will begin their Ebenezer journey. Please spread the word about our school to help us find sponsors for each of them. The amount is \$300 per year.

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