



BCV Update
Inspire 2022

A New Revenue Stream! RICE MILL!



We are fortunate to have successfully broaden our income platform through the last several years. It has been our goal from our inception to reliably address the needs of the children we serve through providing food, shelter, education, clothing, medical care, etc. To do this, we believe that we have to evolve from being solely reliant on donations. Thankfully, through your support we've been able to make progress along these lines.

We recently purchased a rice mill. What is a rice mill you ask? A rice mill is a machine that removes rice from the shell that encases it. This rice mill will allow us to provide a service to farmers in our city of Phalombe, and also nearby towns and cities. There are many rice fields in our region but the supply of these mills is low. In our city of Phalombe, there are only three such mills. Additionally, as we already operate a commercial grade maize mill, this rice mill will further establish us a destination for milling services in the greater community.

The revenue that we generate from this rice mill is solely used to fund the day to day operations of our education and feeding program for the children we serve. Our recent statistical data has revealed that on a relatively average weather calendar year, with a standard harvest season (May – July), we estimate earning approximately \$14,000 USD of gross annual revenue from this rice mill. That's prior to the reduction of electricity costs, maintenance & repair, security, payroll, etc. We would like to extend a special Thank You to Hope Church and Omega Missions Inc for helping us with this latest revenue generating project!

Tropical Storm Ana



Malawi was hit by Tropical Storm Ana on Monday, January 24th. The storm lashed the southern and central districts of Malawi for three days, bringing strong winds and nonstop torrential rains. In just a few hours after the storm touched ground, many communities were being washed out by significant floods. The country was already suffering from floods due to the ongoing rainy season.

According to the Government of Malawi – Department of Disaster Management Affairs, at least 37 people have been reported dead, 22 missing and 158 injured. Over 193,558 households (948,434 people) are affected.

Some 143 emergency camps have been set up to deal with thousands of displaced and injured people. The region around Mulanje in Southern Malawi were particularly affected.

Bridges were washed away by swollen rivers, while livestock drowned and fields were submerged, destroying the livelihoods of rural families. In addition, the country has lost over 30% of its electricity due to the storms. The Government of Malawi declared a state of disaster in 15 districts in the southern and central regions, and prioritized search and rescue operations in early February. [Source: OCHA]

THE GRACE OF GOD. We are so grateful to God for protecting our children in the midst of this storm. Not one child was lost, nor were any injuries reported! Our campus was shut down for three days during the week of Jan 24th but we quickly reopened afterwards and our children also slowly began to return. Our first day reopening we were met by 15 children, and each subsequent day the number of children increased and within a two-week period we regained our normal attendance of nearly 200 children! Our children are back smiling, laughing, learning, eating, and playing! In addition, there was no damage to any of our livestock, gardens, crops, dormitories, or various buildings across our campus!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!



Pastor Ezekiel Khembo and Jane Khembo just celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary!!! The BCV Team is so happy for them! From the moment Pastor Ezekiel joined the BCV Staff, he has been instrumental for implementing many of our revenue and sustainability programs. In fact, many of our projects couldn't have been successful without his foresight and business acumen. For those of you who will be in the greater Atlanta, Georgia area this August you will get the rare opportunity to see them both at our Annual Celebration Dinner.

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AUGUST 20, 2022
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CELEBRATION **DINNER**



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we celebrate
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MALAWI
FOR
TEN
YEARS

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