



Some stories of other villages



For years **Chifuka village** needed a bridge to reach a market & hospital without a life-threatening struggle across a river when seriously ill. But no action took place. Less than a year after Eagles began working here, the village built their own bridge using their own resources. A local government official was amazed: "This process is changing mindsets. We used to expect people to come and do things for us; now we do things for ourselves."

The church also supports widows, orphans & others who struggle to care for themselves. The pastor explains: "We are poor and we used to think it was impossible to help others. But now we use the little we do have."

In **Alawe village** very few children could attend school as it was so far. Instead, many laboured long hours. Challenged by Eagles' training, an innovative group of pastors determined to end child labour and ensure every boy and girl has an education. One pastor says: "From the Bible studies, we learned we could use resources that we have in our community. We also learned how important it is to help the needy & how to work together as a church and community."



So everyone joined together to build their own school. Seeing their commitment, the government promised to send teachers once it is completed. They have also established an adult literacy class, stopped deforestation, planted forests, cleared roads, and created a support group for those living with HIV – previously stigmatised and isolated.

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Do you want to **catalyse** the transformation of a village? For just £40 a month for 3 years, you can see a village move out of poverty and know that your partnership made it possible.

The lives of children in Malawi are constantly at risk. As the 4th poorest country in the world, many children face on-going hunger as their parents struggle to grow enough food to eat. **37% of under-5s suffer from chronic malnutrition.** Poor water & sanitation leads to many diseases - **1 in 16 die before their 5th birthday.** Only **58% finish the first 4 years of school.** They are also at risk of violence: **47% of girls are married before 18; 65% are abused;** and **1 in 4 children are involved in child labour.**

But the answer is not to take them out of their community or to meddle in the social structures in villages, depriving them of their existing coping mechanisms. The answer is to strengthen the whole system.

What small personal sacrifice could you make to see over 100 people enabled to take responsibility for their present, define their own future and achieve holistic change for themselves and their children?
Are their lives worth the cost of a family meal out?
Begin an exciting journey together, a partnership of mutual respect



“This is a priceless thing ! What Eagles has started here, let it spread everywhere! We have learned to make the most of our resources. Things we used to think were useless, we now use to develop ourselves. We have learned to be self-reliant.” (Village Chief)

This is how God’s system works - 2 Corinthians 8:14
“At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality.”

How will it work?

Eagles will inspire 11 churches in Nsaru, Central Malawi, to understand the biblical command to social justice. The churches will then work with their 40 local villages, equipping them to identify their own problems, discover their own resources and use them to find their own solutions. Strong evidence proves this is the most effective and dignifying way to see lasting change.

You will receive an update from the pastors every 6 months.

What changes will I see?

Every village prioritises its own problems, normally taking action in some of the following areas:



Improved standard of living: enough food to feed families ; small businesses through savings groups

Increased education levels: more children completing school; increased literacy levels



Increased inclusion/ restored relationships: stigmatised groups, like those living with disabilities or HIV, accepted & enabled to play role in community; support systems created; reduced violence; improved gender equality



Improved health: clean water; reduced illness; improved government



Increased care for environment: climate change adaptation & disaster resilience

Increased active faith: many coming to know Jesus; joining church; reduced harmful practices through bible teaching; caring for vulnerable

