

JULY 2016 MALIMBA SCHOOL



Adrian and Christina (Gid) Carr came on board to create the much needed Malimba Community School Fund and they brought in [Tribal Textiles](#) to help with the development of such a promising project. Once the fund had made a start, the community made 20,000 mud bricks by hand. Local builders were hired and the school soon had its first classroom. [Tribal Textiles](#) and the Carr's built the first teacher's house which enabled the school to have its first qualified teacher.

It's been a while since our last update so here's a recap on the history and some quick facts on the background of Malimba School to get you up to speed and enjoy with a cup of coffee, our follow up newsletters will be much much shorter!

In 2001 the Malimba community decided to start it's first school in the area. Malimba Community School began with unqualified, volunteer teachers in the shade of a tree. With no outside support, they eventually built there own mud and thatch classroom for the few pupils there were. It wasn't long before there were close to 100 children attending.



In 2004, a water-well with hand pump was generously donated and installed by Rural Water Supply Eastern Province KFW / DWA Project. This was vital for the development of the school, as well as supplying water to the neighbouring villages. Zambia National Aids Network came in to help with construction of a government specification classroom block, as well as a headteacher's house. Before the local education authority can formalize a community school the community has to provide a classroom block built to the government specification and standard, a latrine block and teacher's accommodation.



Having achieved these basic requirements, the school was adopted by the local education authority and the dream of creating a new formal school was realised in 2005. With the help of [Make Me Smile's](#) very generous donors, the school has managed to build a library and a dining hall. The Malimba library is a small building, specifically for reading, studying and housing the small but growing library of books.

It also doubles as a pre-school classroom. The Jojo Harris Dining Hall, now fully furnished with table and seating donated by [High Five Club](#) was also built by [Make me Smile](#) and is a lovely, large and airy dining space which can double as an overflow classroom and study area. All the pupils eat a nutritious lunch every day with food provided by World Food Programme and cooked by local volunteers.



Malimba operates on a double day, so the teachers are committing themselves for a full day's work throughout the week. Morning sessions run from 7:00 - 12:40 teaching pre-school and Grades 3, 5, 6 and 7. These teachers come back to school in the afternoon to run sports, reading and environmental education clubs for the pupils. Afternoon sessions run from 13:00 – 16:30 teaching Grades 1, 2 and 4. These teachers spend the mornings busily preparing lessons for the children.



A new supporter of the school has emerged in the form of local artisan soap and candle company [Azimai](#). Their contributions and help have been very gratefully received. Tribal Textiles continue to be a stalwart supporter of the school, both administratively and through fund-raising. Last year's efforts via the sale of Amazing Bags, Malimba School tea towels and donations from Art Safaris raised over \$2500. Headmaster Muhammed Mphande has been made manager of the local Malimba Football Team! The team participate in several local league competitions. Both the football team and netball team are supported by the Carrs.



Mary Nkhoma is due to be starting back at Malimba next term having become a qualified teacher thanks to [Make Me Smile/Tribal Textiles](#). She will be on a government salary, adding to the growing list of fully trained teachers at Malimba. Gid and Adrian Carr's drilling company, [Makolekole](#) installed a borehole with a handpump to provide clean, safe water for Malimba as the existing well was in danger of being over-utilised by the community. This was kindly paid for by [Bushcamp Company/Mfuwe Lodge](#) as part of their 'Committed to Clean Water' campaign.



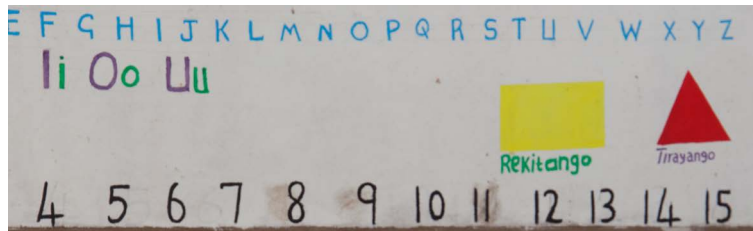
Term 1 highlights (11th January – 8th April)

Literacy, Science and Maths Quiz (Schools must provide all materials to take part)

6 children (3 girls, 3 boys) selected from Grades 5, 6 and 7 competing with 8 other school teams in the zone Malimba came 2nd overall having presented science projects, been tested on spelling, reading, composed short stories and answering questions on calculation

Athletics Competition (costs 380 kwacha (\$38) to enter)

Both Malimba boys and girls took part in all the athletic events, earning 3rd position in the competition, out of 8 schools.



Term 2 highlights (9th May – 5th August)

Ball Games (costs 450 kwacha (\$45) to take part)

Malimba bravely took part entering their eldest in Grade 7, when other schools had Grade 8 and 9 pupils taking part in the competition. The boys still managed to take 3rd place in the football, and girls 4th place in Netball.

Reading (schools must provide all material to take part – books, rulers, pens, pencils)

4 of Malimba's Grade 1 pupils came 1st in the competition answering questions on word building and reading! Perhaps a reflection on how effective the School Library is being.



Term 3 highlights (11th September – 2nd December)

The school is looking forward to entering their first ICT Competition next term, now that technology studies has become an important subject on the new curriculum. Jacqui and Andrew Jones came to visit Malimba this year in June. They kindly brought with them a laptop and solar charging unit that they were able to buy with the funds raised from hosting birthday parties in the UK. The children are now learning to type on Word and some can log on and off the computer themselves, having never used one before. We will keep you posted on how they get on in the competition!

Some Quick Facts

There are 480 pupils at Malimba, 248 boys and 232 girls and up to 16% of these pupils are single or double orphans.

To date, Make Me Smile has provided sponsorship for 3 teachers to become fully qualified, although tragically Violet passed away just after qualifying.

There are 9 teachers at Malimba in total – 3 of these are now being paid a government salary. The remaining 6 are dedicated volunteer teachers, supported by Make Me Smile, paying them a small allowance each month to help cover a few living expenses. They have a chance at being sponsored through college.



Fundraising for Malimba now focuses on, continuing to be able to participate in extra activities and competitions such as sport, art & literature.

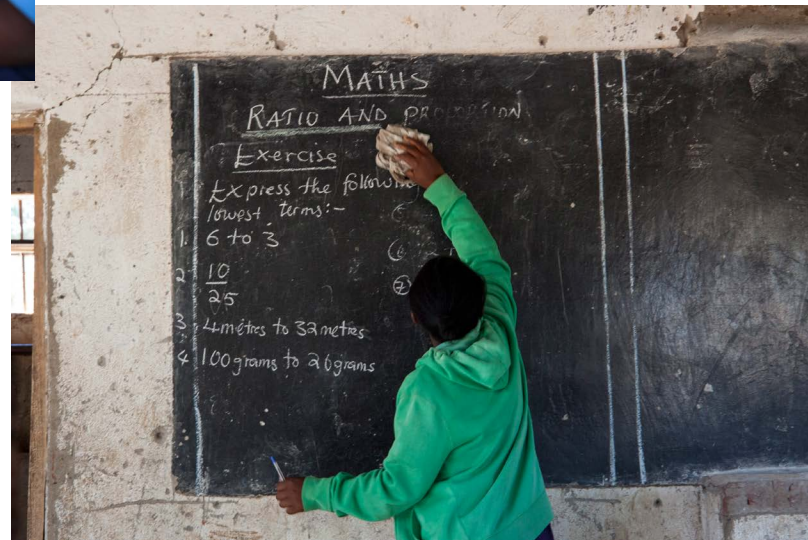
Providing supplementary teaching aids and helping to maintain and improve the facilities and source books, pens, paper and everything that children in the developed world take for granted.

Sponsoring our volunteer teachers through formal teacher training and paying allowances.



Looking after the school after dark and through the night, 2 watchmen are employed by [Make Me Smile](#).

Every term Malimba needs to stock up on supplies such as chalk, pens, pencils, exercise books and preparation books for teaching. This is only possible because of Make Me Smile and Tribal Textiles.





The team supporting Malimba

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