

## **Update on NAZARETH SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS September 2019**

### Name of the school

The Task Force of the school has decided to give the school a name in the local language. The name will be: "*Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School*". Tiyende Pamodzi means: "*Lets walk together*".

### Permission

In addition to the letter from the District Commissioner of Dedza (DC) in which permission to have a girls Secondary School in Mganja was granted, we also received written permission from the Ministry of Education. We had meetings with several departments of the Ministry of Education. We will continue working closely together with them on the building plans, the curriculum and the selection of teachers.

### Project site

The land has been officially purchased. Beacons have been put in place. The boundary (1,230 meter) has been cleared with the assistance of three football teams of Mganja, each team given a good football for their work. The football teams have also dug holes every three meters. As soon as the rainy season starts (November / December) we will plant trees all around the border of the project site.



After finishing clearing the boundary the football was received with joy.

### Access Road

The villagers have prepared a road onto the project site. The official entrance will be at the Health Centre in the centre of Mganja.

### Borehole

A borehole has been drilled through the financial assistance of Cindee Rood from the American organisation "Formidable Joy". The borehole was finished on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of August.



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### Task Force

Our Task Force had five extensive and fruitful meetings. Points of discussion were among other things: land issue, communication, architect, designs and tender.

### Girls Hostel

Initially we planned a school bus for students living too far away for daily commute. By now we are of the opinion that it is safer and more conducive to their studies if we can offer these students a hostel. Therefore we have added a girls hostel to our budget plan. We are actively searching for funding for this girls hostel.

### Library and science block

At the Ministry of Education the responsible civil servants and the Secretary of Education were very much in favour of our school. They also agreed with our plans to extend the curriculum with courses of practical skills. They promised us their support on this issue.

The Ministry of Education made it clear that a library and science block are compulsory for the school. Therefore we added this block to the budget plan. As we will start with only form 1, we can exchange a school block for the library and science block, adding the school block later. This depends on the outcome of the tender.



Library and science block



Baby nursery

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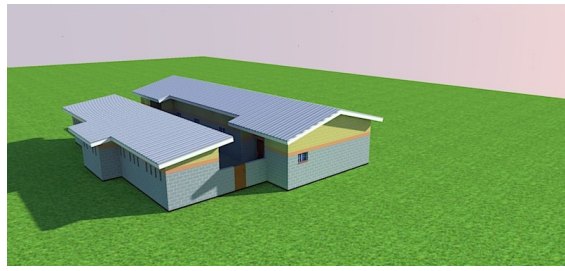
We have decided to build the baby nursery as a separate building, so as not to disturb teachers and students. We have applied for a grant for building this baby nursery at the American Embassy in Malawi.

### Architect, designs and tender

We were able to find a competent and reliable architect to help us with the designs for the school, make the building plans, deliberate with the Infrastructure Department of the Ministry of Education, identify contractors and make everything ready to go to tender at the end of September. Building works should start at November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and finish 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



Administration block



Semi detached staff house

### Fund Raising

We had several visits from donor organisations. The Spanish Eki Fundacion came for the second time and has promised to help us installing the solar electricity system. The German development organisation DESWOS came to have a look at the site. They are considering our project proposal for their budget in 2020. Wild Geese from the Netherlands came to make photographs and videos for their new corporate campaign.

The Goeldner Foundation from Germany stayed almost two weeks for their yearly visit. Together we visited the site and an extensive Task Force meeting. We also went together to a meeting at the Rotary Club Lilongwe. The Rotarians promised to support an application of the German Rotary Club Rendsburg to the Rotary Global Fund. We also visited the German Ambassador in Lilongwe who received our project with open arms and assured us of his assistance.



We identified several new possible donor organisations. We will write a new project proposal after we have the outcome of the tender. Then we will apply for funding with these organisations.