

Snapshots of Newala Projects as of 2020

Since the start of the Newala Companion Diocese Relationship in 2010, these projects have been accomplished... three of them are in progress, and others will be added or expanded.

Mkoma Cistern Project

The finished cistern is full from the rainy season. There is piping and mechanical pumps on site. Water sales will resume in the dry season

Lulindi Sewing Group

Going well. Using the supplied machines they have been sewing uniforms for the primary school children in the whole division of Lulindi and have collected significant funds.

Sayuni Sewing Group and Cafe

They have been sewing school uniforms and other clothing using the sewing machines supplied. The Tea Cafe has been profitable and has had success when the cashew crop was harvested. This brought farmers to town who were happy to find the cafe available.

Tandahimba Parish Cow Project

Having started with a single cow there are now six. The seventh recently died from pneumonia.

Kopa N'gombe Lipa N'gombe (Prayer Group, St. Mary's Parish)

There are now 33 members in the group and all but five now have a cow. Now there is an improvement in the milk consumption in the area. A hut and cistern were built for the cow keeper. In addition, two young improved breed cows were purchased to enhance better milk production in the future.

Chicken Project (Prayer Group, St. Mary's Parish)

This project is ongoing with a setback caused by bird flu. During the last Christmas season, many hens and eggs were sold and over \$400 was realized.

St. Michael's Health Centre Lulindi (Newala Diocese)

Many of the old buildings were renovated and are now in use. Purchase of medical equipment includes a pneumatic adjustable (non-electric) operation table, operating lamp, hospital beds and mattresses, screens, sterilizers, microscopes, other lab equipment, refrigerators and several other operating theater equipment. Numerous consumable medical supplies were purchased. Current building upgrades will allow the Clinic to be certified for TZ government assistance.

Medical Tuitions

Tuitions and costs were covered for the last two years' study for the Nurse and Clinical Officer training. Both students will be working in Lulindi in October.

AIDS/HIV Seminars

There is a noticeable reduction in the number of new AIDS/HIV cases reported in the health facilities. It is felt that the two seminars conducted had much influence on this result.

Pikipiki (motorcycles)

There have been at least 21 motorcycles that were purchased by the Newala Diocese with our funds. This is a work in progress. These are for use by the clergy and the individual parishes are responsible for the maintenance and expenses.

Special Needs School in Lindi

There have been two outreach efforts by the CMM Sisters of Newala to assist the needs of the children in this government school. Many are from very low-income families and there was/is a need for school supplies, clothes and food.

Mosquito Nets

There was a supply of mosquito netting given to the CMM Sisters in Newala. Malaria continues to be extremely common in the area.

CMM Sisters Chicken Project

This is an ongoing project that involved the construction of a brick coop and fencing. Note that the sisters made the bricks with the cement costs we covered. They are working with solar power systems to run lighting and an incubator system. In addition to the production of eggs and chickens, the sisters also train local villagers to start their own broods.

CMM Sisters Solar Project

Solar panels, inverters, batteries and other electronics were purchased and installed that provide energy for an egg incubator and LED lighting.

Cistern Repair for the CMM Sisters

Substantial repairs were made to the existing cistern which had lost its water and resulted in the demise of the vegetable garden. The system is back in operation.

Cistern at St. Mary's Cathedral

Two cisterns are being constructed to catch the rainwater off of the old cathedral roof. The water can be sold at a low cost during the dry season.

Tractor Repair

The old tractor that had been given by the Diocese of Masasi at the time of the creation of the Newala diocese was repaired. It and its trailer were used to haul cashew crops grown in the Newala area. It was also rented out for general farm use.

Office Computers

Two laptop computers and modems and photocopier costs were supplied for use in the Newala Diocese.

Schule ya Wadogo (Preschool) run by the CMM Sisters

Assistance has been supplied to the CMM Sisters' work with these children. Funds were/are used for food, school supplies and clothing.

Leper Bandages

There is still leprosy in the area. Unique bandages, using a prescribed pattern and yarn, are knit by several ladies groups in the Milwaukee diocese. The bandages are then mailed to Dr. Issa the Medical Secretary of the Newala Diocese.

Cathedral Construction in Newala

Some minor funds were sent to Bishop Mnung'a to aid the building of a new cement block cathedral.

CMM Sisters' Pig Project

The sisters had a hut constructed for their three pigs and six piglets. They are using local food like mangoes and other varieties like garden greens. The hope is to have a small sustainable number of them.

UltraSound Course Sr. Debora CMM

Sr. Debora of the CMM house in Newala has completed a three-month course in ultrasound technology. She has been a midwife for eight years and has been working in the government clinic in Newala town. To date, she has completed over eight hundred midwifery ultrasound scans!

Equipment for Luatala Dispensary

Luatala is a dispensary in the Diocese of Newala. It is the most current project, and it asks for equipment such as a microscope, two examination beds, two hospital beds, a wheeled stretcher and the like. There is also some building rehab needed since there is mud-brick structure to be replaced.

Equipment for St. Michael's Health Center at Lulindi

Lulindi is in the Diocese of Newala. This is the most current project and it asks for equipment such as hospital beds, mattresses sheets and the like. There is also some construction replacing a mud-brick operation ward. This is nearing completion.

Contribution checks can be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, 804 East Juneau Ave, Milwaukee WI 53202. Please put Newala Projects on the notation line. Donations can be given online on our website (diomil.org). Once at the site, click on the red "Giving" button and you will be directed to a page where you will select Newala as the fund you are donating to.

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