

# 'Helping people in Malawi'

As well as raising money each year for our 'church project' – this year (2011) it is 'REinspired' - our church also seeks to help with other projects, at home and abroad.

*Where is Malawi?*

*Map of Africa:*



Malawi is a small country

*Map of Malawi:*



Tom and Jo live in Blantyre near the district of Chikwawa

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Tom's family have been regular worshippers at Christ Church for over 30 years. Tom himself came to Junior Church, and Boys' Brigade here.



Tom and his wife, Jo, have been working in Malawi for nearly 4 years. Jo knows Malawi well as she spent time over there when she was younger.



Tom and Jo with a teacher in Malawi. Tom's sister, Jenny, helped to support this teacher by sending out resources to her.

Malawi has dry seasons when the local people have to carry water for miles; and then there are wet seasons when too much rain which washes the crops away.





One of the gravest dangers over there is malaria from mosquitoes. Malaria kills a child in Africa almost every 30 seconds. Our church has sent gifts of mosquito nets to help the community where Tom and Jo live.



Some of the mosquito nets that we have sent

Our congregation here at Christ Church has supported Tom and Jo and their work with the local community in Chikwawa by their prayers, and sending gifts to the local people such as a needlework banner and a collage picture.



The Christ Church banner arrives at the church in Chikwawa. The banner is being held by Pastor Sande's wife and daughter.



We have also been pleased to raise money for specific projects, for example a scheme to replace old kerosene lamps with safer ones, and contributing funds for schooling and famine relief.

During Christmas 2010 we raised over £1500 towards a project to drill for water in an area near Chikwawa. Our hope is that the community may benefit from having a safe source of water like the family in this picture.

This picture was taken inside the local church, which was built by a team from St Lawrence's church in Reading.

We continue to remember Tom, Jo and their minister, Pastor Sande, as they work with the local church and community in Chikwawa

