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Smile Malawi was registered as a charity in England and Wales in 2004 and as an NGO in Malawi in June 2006. The main objective is to provide a home for vulnerable street children. The first Smile Malawi Children's Centre opened in November 2006 and now gives a home to 33 children who were jointly identified by Malawi Social Services and Smile Malawi from the streets of Blantyre and the local village. The charity also helps the local community of Ndokota with a developing outreach programme, primarily targeting the children and local school.

Smile Malawi founder Elspeth Baecke was due to return to Malawi last month to follow up on Elijah's treatment. Her trip was eventually postponed because the doctors at the Heart Institute in Maputo advised her that he should receive a further 2 months' therapy before any conclusion can be reached. However, he still had a preliminary scan done in Malawi and the good news is that his progress is excellent. He has returned to school into year 3 of a 4 year secondary programme.



Here he is on the left with Gift, Fatsani and Brian on the right.

Other good news from Malawi is that all our 4 girls passed their standard 8 exams (see May newsletter) and Emily did so well that she has been selected to go to Government secondary school. She has started at Luchenza, boarding school, the same as Elijah.



We are all thrilled for Emily, above right with Stella. Stella also did well and will now go to Bvumbwe private day secondary school along with the other 2 girls Ruth and Enelise. This school is a short walk from us and we have 2 older children there already.



Above is Enelise and below is Ruth. We are so pleased for these girls as they now have a real chance of a good education and a choice in their futures.



All the children are doing well at school and we are very proud of them all. There are now a total of 11 children at secondary school and 21 at the local junior school.



With Christmas fast approaching the charity Christmas cards are on their way. Elspeth has used a photo of the girls in their national wear this year and we hope you like it. If you would

like to order some, please email Elspeth at elspeth@smilemalawi.com and send a cheque to the address below. They are £5 for 10 + £2 postage, as usual and all funds go to the orphanage.

Alternatively, you can pay on-line at www.justgiving.com/smilemalawi

Here is the proof of the front to see:



Just to finish, so the boys don't feel left out, here is a recent photo of them too!



Elspeth has recently moved house in UK and so the charity now has a new registered address which is:

Smile Malawi
63 School Lane
Iwade
Sittingbourne
Kent ME9 8SD

We still need more regular funding. If you would like to help with the running costs of the Children's Centre or with the secondary school fees, please visit our website or send a cheque to Smile Malawi at the address above.