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Malawi Association
for Christian Support
Reg charity no 1188309

**A gift in your Will
has the power
to change lives
We call it *Will Power***



Photo – Eileen Eggington

Discover the power of a gift in your Will

Between 2017 and 2022 almost one third of **MACS'** work in rural Malawi with some of the poorest people on the planet has been powered by those who have left a gift in their Wills.

A gift in your Will has the power to save lives

The generous gift in the Will of a **MACS** supporter enabled extensive and much-needed renovation of the Maternity Unit and Operating Theatre at St. Anne's Hospital, Nkhonkhotakota. This made it possible to provide much improved and vastly safer care for the almost 300 women and babies delivered each year and the 350 patients undergoing major life-saving surgery (including emergency Caesarean section) – all of which had been at risk due to the deterioration of the building.



A new life saved

The Anglican Diocese of Lake Malawi, with over 100 primary schools in its care, aims to play a full part in this life-changing task.

In 2020 the generous gift in the Will of a **MACS** supporter dramatically improved the lives of 120 boys and girls at Mikanga Primary School who could move from lessons under a tree to learning in a secure classroom block.

A gift in your Will has the power to provide safe drinking water

More than 5,000 people have benefitted from a critical upgrade to the 50-year-old dam on Malosa Mountain above Likwenu, financed by a generous bequest to **MACS**. This important water system has enabled the growth of vital medical and educational institutions, as well as Chilema Ecumenical Lay Training Centre, the Diocesan headquarters and surrounding villages.

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For the children of Malawi, primary schooling offers the first rung on the ladder out of poverty.



Lessons in the new classroom



New storage tank on Likwenu River

How gifts in your Will can benefit people in Malawi

The trustees of the Malawi Association for Christian Support welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small. We promise to use your gift to make a difference for the people of rural Malawi.

MACS uses all gifts to help fund significant development projects in rural Malawi for the relief of poverty, the preservation of health, the improvement of education and the advancement of the Christian religion, particularly by supporting the pastoral work of the churches.

Particular spheres of work

If you express an interest in particular spheres within Malawi (e.g. health, education, the pastoral work of the churches), we shall prioritise any need within that general area. However, since needs in Malawi change over the years, we would be grateful if you were to leave your gift in such a way that it can be used for other pressing requests if the situation in the country demands. We will discuss possible uses

of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your interests and the charity's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to some of the poorest people in one of the poorest places in the world.

Acknowledging your gift

We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact Julie Lupton, our Secretary, on 01580 291 658 or email: info@malawimacs.org.

If you would like to make a gift to **MACS** in memoriam, please discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

A gift in your Will is a practical means of saying "thank you" to Malawi.

*"My twelve years in Malawi were among the best years of my life for me and my family. 'The Warm Heart of Africa' was not just a tourist slogan, it was the way we were treated by our colleagues and by all those for whom we worked. What we learned in everyday life was the vital importance of human relationships. I have left a gift to **MACS** in my Will as a means of saying "thank you" for those years and for teaching us that lesson.*

Tony



Switching on the Will Power - *the practical considerations*

Making your Will

Having a Will gives you peace of mind for the future. It gives you the opportunity to provide for your family and loved ones, and to support the causes you care about.

As personal circumstances change, it is important that you review your Will to make sure it still accurately reflects your wishes.

Making a Will is simpler than you might think and need not be expensive. We recommend that you have your Will written by a solicitor or qualified Will writer. A solicitor will be able to guide you through the process to ensure that your wishes are correctly recorded.

Including a gift to MACS in your Will.

We are incredibly grateful to each person who chooses to include a gift in their Will to **MACS**. It has the power to change lives and to save lives for some of the poorest people on the planet for generations to come.

There are three main types of legacy gifts

1. Residuary legacy

A Residuary legacy is a share or percentage of your estate after other specific gifts have been made.

2. Pecuniary legacy

A Pecuniary legacy is a specific sum of money which you can ask your solicitor to index-link to safeguard its value.

3. Specific legacy

A Specific legacy is a gift of a particular item such as property, shares or jewellery.

We suggest the following wording for a residuary legacy:

I GIVE ...% of the residue of my estate to the Malawi Association for Christian Support CIO Reg charity no. 1188309 of The Cottage, 72, North Street, Biddenden, Kent. TN27 8AS for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt by the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of the Malawi Association for Christian Support CIO for the time being shall be a full and final sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

We suggest the following wording for a pecuniary or specific legacy:

I GIVE to the Malawi Association for Christian Support CIO Reg charity no. 188309 of The Cottage, 72, North Street, Biddenden, Kent. TN27 8AS the sum of £ /specific asset or item for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt by the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of the Malawi Association for Christian Support CIO for the time being shall be a full and final sufficient discharge for the said legacy.