



## FACTS ABOUT STARFISH MALAWI

- 1 We are Christian in calling and outlook, seeking to share God's love with others. We were founded in 2003 by Chris Knott, following a mission trip to Kenya and Malawi that changed his outlook on life.
- 2 We are working in one of the world's poorest countries with an average life expectancy of 64 and with over 50% of the population living in extreme poverty.
- 3 We have a unique relationship with the people and local organisations that we work with in Malawi, to empower change from within and seek to involve the communities in their own destiny, so that they do not repeat the cycle of poverty.
- 4 We believe education has the power to break the cycle of poverty – we support young people in Malawi to complete their education and have the opportunity to improve their own lives and the communities where they live.
- 5 We believe everyone has the right to be happy and healthy, so our projects provide the poorest families with access to basic healthcare. We also promote the rights of girls and women in all we do as we believe in gender equality.
- 6 We support and work with church leaders within Salima in the study of the Word of God through providing Christian libraries, so they can act as positive role models within the community. We also work with schools, churches and communities in the UK.

## GET INVOLVED

### PRAYER

Support us by upholding our work in prayer. Receive prayer-points in our monthly prayer bulletin

### VOLUNTEER

Do you have skills and experience you think could support our work? Volunteer in the UK or Malawi

### FUNDRAISE

Got a fundraising idea? Have fun and raise money for Starfish Malawi at your school, workplace or at home

### DONATE

Make a donation to help us keep delivering our life changing work. Visit [www.starfishmalawi.com/donate](http://www.starfishmalawi.com/donate)

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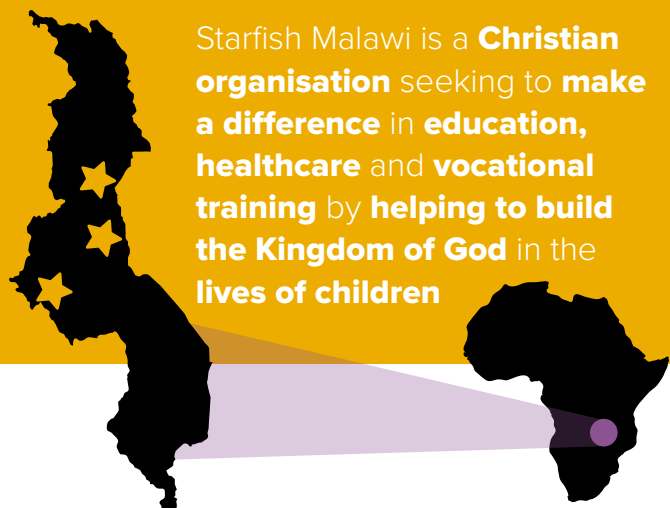
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## MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

*by showing God's love in action one at a time*





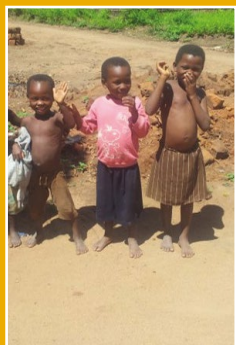
Starfish Malawi is a **Christian organisation** seeking to **make a difference** in **education, healthcare** and **vocational training** by **helping to build the Kingdom of God** in the **lives of children**



## THE STORY OF THE STARFISH

A father and son were walking along a deserted beach after a particularly high tide had washed up thousands of starfish on the sand. The boy started picking them up and throwing them back into the water one by one. The father quizzed his son saying ***"You can't possibly save them all, there are millions, you can't possibly make a difference."*** The boy smiled, bent down and picked up another starfish and, as he threw it back into the sea, he replied, ***"made a difference to that one."***

This is the same ethos that we have at Starfish Malawi. We can't help everyone but we will help as many as we can, one at a time!



### OUR VISION

A just world where every child is educated, healthy and cared for.

### OUR MISSION

To reduce extreme poverty and build the Kingdom of God in the lives of children, through collaborative work within communities, schools and churches in the UK and Malawi.

## OUR PROJECTS

**Schools Linking:** Linking schools in the UK and Malawi through educational partnerships to develop global understanding for children

### Secondary School Student Sponsorship:

Sponsoring bright but poor students to complete their secondary education

**Bible Explorer:** Helping children to understand the Bible in a way that is both engaging and interactive

**Gateway - Girls Access To Education:** Training women to make reusable sanitary towels for girls, so that they can stay in school when they have their period and complete their education

**Glad Tidings Orphan Care Centre:** Providing health, nursery education and safeguarding services for over 500 children

**Hope Clinic:** Provision of free outpatients healthcare clinics for children and adults

**Children's Clubs:** Providing support for children aged 5 to 16, including advice on practical living, understanding the Bible, games, artwork, and a youth sports programme

**Pastor's Resources Libraries:** Assisting Pastors with theological study. We have an excellent selection of books for research and learning

**Hope Missions - Chapsinja:** Community led initiative providing nursery and primary education and a church for the local community

**Madalitso:** Provision of a centre for 48 girls to live in safety and pursue their education in peace. This includes accommodation costs for some of the girls residing at the centre, a weekly feeding programme for local village children, school tuition fees and the provision of school uniforms

**Literacy Leaders:** The project equips primary school teachers with specialist subject knowledge and teaching methods so that they can greatly enhance children's literacy and facilitate access to the syllabus in all subjects



## SPONSORSHIP CHANGES LIVES

Penjani lived with his Grandmother from the age of 5, following the death of his parents. Life was not easy for her. Her only income was from the sale of firewood which she collected daily.

When Penjani was selected to attend Secondary School it seemed that there was no hope. School fees payment was impossible. But Penjani was determined. He applied to Starfish for sponsorship and was accepted.

His sponsors took him to their hearts. A relationship developed which has grown through the years. They supported him through Secondary School. His excellent exam results paved the way for his acceptance at Teacher Training College. Again, his sponsors made this possible. Penjani is now a qualified teacher and is waiting for his placement in a Government School. This can take up to a year - during which time Penjani is proving himself to be a great asset, working as our Sponsorship Officer in the very office where he himself successfully applied for sponsorship. Students respect his advice – knowing that he has walked this path before them.

His sponsors say *"It has been a privilege to support Penjani through secondary school and Teacher Training College. This experience has made a great difference to his life, the lives of his family and ultimately to the education of children in Malawian schools."*

The future is bright for Penjani. He grasped the opportunity and made his sponsors proud. In his own words *"My sponsors and Starfish have changed my life"*

To sponsor a child today, please email [fiona\\_gibbon@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona_gibbon@hotmail.com)