

Activity Report 2021

Origin

Since 2016, ReachOut has supported a group of around eight students. In the first years, the supported students went to a secondary school. A number of them successfully completed secondary school and were interested to move to the next level, that is, a vocational training or a university education. ReachOut has continued its support to these students as it is the foundation’s goal to help the students until they reach the capacity to take care of themselves by finding a good job and being independent and responsible citizens.

Funds

Tragically, soon after her husband’s death (in 2019), we have to report the demise of Gerda Smit. Because of this sad truth, the continuous financing of Reach Out was called into question. Fortunately, the Smith family committed itself to continue the contribution that their parents were making for a period of four years (50 per cent in the fourth year). That means, ReachOut was given a period of time to find other donors. This has led to contacts with various parties willing to help ReachOut develop a fundraising campaign. The result of this campaign will become visible in 2022. Then, in the Activity Report 2022, the details of the campaign will be revealed.

Graduations

In 2021, ReachOut has continued its support to the students it had adopted. Despite delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, several of these students managed to graduate:

- Chisomo Segula (Domasi College of Education)
- Innocentia Numero (Trinity Nursing College)
- Nolit Mtawale (Blantyre Int. University)

Steering committee

We are greatly thankful that these students have succeeded to completing their studies. These results have been highly facilitated by Mr Benson Makwasa (field administrator) and the other members of steering committee in Malawi.

| The supported students: | Their schools: |
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| Chisomo Segula | Domasi College of Education |
| Grivice Thandaza | Chancellor College (University of Malawi) |
| Innocentia Numero | Trinity Nursing College |
| Nolit Mtawale | Blantyre Int. University |
| Zephaniah Batamu | The Malawi Polytechnic |
| Gerald Mkwelera | Lilongwe Technical College |
| Nellie Mtalika | MCV Secondary School |
| Abigail Banda | Malawi Assemblies of God University (nursing) |