

*Dear Friends, occasionally something comes along that captures an aspect of the ministry that is unexpected and priceless. The following is such an item. This is an interview with Chief Kogoya, tribal leader of the village where the Hope Center is located.*

## “The Unbelievable Reality”

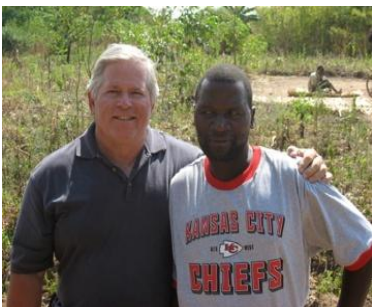


**Chief Kogoya**

In March 2006 I received a message that Miqlat officials both from Malawi and America were coming to take names and photos of orphans so that they could solicit support for them. But I said to myself, “this is just one of those promises that never come to anything”. It is common these days to see people from within and outside Malawi come wearing faces of help and make promises to vulnerable groups including orphans but never honor their promises.

But today, I call myself blessed because of the Childcare Program which is operating right in my village. I am speechless to see hundreds of Orphans in my village and those from neighboring villages, who had no hope of life, now living a better life because of the program. In fact, better than those that have parents.

I was born and have lived all my life in this village, but throughout my childhood I never received the kind of attention childcare program is giving to the orphans here. Orphans are given best meals, supported in school, encouraged spiritually and are receiving regular medical attention. It doesn't get any better than this. Childcare is covering the whole life of a child. This is unbelievable!



**Dan Gillespie & Chief Kogoya**

Childcare Program has become a model to many parents in my village and to those in the surrounding villages. By and by we are realizing the importance of sending children to school, encouraging them on spiritual matters, and seeking medical attention when our children fall sick.

The program has united children from different villages regardless of their age or religion. We as chiefs have also been united as we are regularly called for meetings at hope center, and work together to help the program achieve its objectives.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Miqlat Ministries and all people supporting orphans here in Thyolo District. Allow me also mention that the number of orphans in my area and the surrounding villages is increasing at an alarming rate due to HIV/AIDS pandemic. Therefore, I and my fellow chiefs, plead for more support so that those helpless orphans that are not part of the program may find an opportunity to be assisted as well. God bless you all. Thank You!

*Thank you for all of your prayers and support over the years that has made the above possible. We know that without your partnership this would not have been possible. Please pray for our Staff in Malawi as they are the hands and feet of Jesus. Charlie Dean continues to lead the team in Malawi. He has been there since the beginning of October and is praying about staying an extra 2 to 3 months. Again, we are so thankful and excited about this ministry. Kristen, Dan and Charlie....*