



# Starfish Malawi!

Isaiah 9 v 6

For to us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given, and  
the government will be on  
his shoulders. And he will be  
called Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace



Happy Christmas  
to all my  
friends  
and family  
with love  
from  
Ali  
xxx



Dear friends,

What an unexpected year I have had in England; I am so grateful that Gods ways are much higher than ours. God has truly blessed me and also used me to be a blessing to others, He has taught me patience and perseverance on a much deeper level. My God place is a beautiful lake near to where I live where I can sense God's presence and hear His voice, where my worries fall away and I feel safe and secure in God's promises, where I am learning to hold things lightly and 'take refuge in the shelter of his wings', for indeed...'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.'

The future of my return to Malawi could be August 2021 as at present the Malawian Director's wife and children are in this country because the children's education was disrupted in Malawi due to the coronavirus. The children are now settled, happy and doing well in English schools and plan to return to Malawi in August 2021 when Chris Knott ( the English Director of Starfish) will also allow me to return...I CAN'T WAIT !

I have spent much of the year preparing lesson materials and individual student packs which will be invaluable for when I am able to return. The next container leaves England for Malawi in March 2021 and I continue to collect resources and pack boxes to send in the container.

I am in regular touch with my lovely Malawian line manager, Mary Mwenda who tells me that the nursery children are healthy and happy and that Memory's baby girl, Ebenezer, is doing well. Please continue to pray for all the teachers and families in Malawi for good health and for a closer relationship with God.

I pray that this Christmas you will know the love and peace of God in your hearts, homes and families.  
love and prayers Ali xx



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## Points for prayer and praise

### THANK YOU GOD:

- ★ For the relatively low numbers of coronavirus deaths in Malawi. Please pray for the virus to be eliminated completely.
- ★ For the new Christian president, President Chakwera. Please pray that he will lead Malawi with Godly wisdom and integrity.
- ★ For the new clinic built by Starfish Malawi, which is now up and running, serving the poor villages around Salima.
- ★ For the lovely friends who I have been living with whilst I wait to return to Malawi. Please pray for blessings and peace and protection for this special family.
- ★ For your faithfulness and guidance this year as I have safely snuggled into your arms and for your provision of all I have needed.

### PLEASE PRAY:

The months from January to April are known as the hungry months in Malawi as this is when a family's maize stocks are lowest. Please pray that there will be sufficient maize to go round.

Please pray for the children who have been involved in the after school teaching clubs, that they will stay motivated. These clubs have not been allowed to reopen because of Covid.

Since the schools were closed earlier this year there has been a large increase in teenage pregnancies. Child marriage has almost doubled in parts of Malawi and child rape has gone up by 150% under lockdown. The school closures has greatly affected the work of the child protection committee and many teenage girls have not returned to school. Please pray.

Please pray for the protection of God on every staff member of Starfish Malawi and all the families and children that Starfish work with.

Please pray for God to open up the right timing for me to return to Malawi and that I will be able to receive an effective vaccine soon.

Please pray for my TEP (Temporary Employment Permit) appeal to be upheld and for this vital piece of paperwork to be issued.

Please pray for God to continue to show me His direction here in England and that I will listen closely to what He asks me to do and be faithful to Him.

