

A Christmas Letter to all our Friends and Supporters...



As the big day approaches we are beginning to make arrangements for Christmas parties and presents for the boys and girls in our care. All of us at the two Homes (Blantyre and Mangochi) extend our warmest thanks for the continued and generous support we have had from you over the last year. We hope that you have been kept in touch with our activities via our Newsletters.

We approach 2011 with 95 children in residence. We would imagine that by the end of the rainy season we will again surpass the 100 mark. We are delighted to report that during the year 30 children were successfully returned to their home villages. There they continue to be visited by Rose and Kondwani on the Outreach Programme

The opening of our fifth Feeding Station at Kafulimira, 10 km south of the Mangochi Home, was a noteworthy occasion, graced by representatives of the donors. Towards the end of the year the opening of Rosemarie's House, named after the late Rosemarie Bevis, was another significant achievement. Six lively children recently took up residence there with their two House Mothers and three new foster siblings (see above). We



were pleased to have had the opportunity to talk about this form of orphan care on National Television recently.



We have also completed the Volunteers' House in Mangochi and we are glad to report that throughout the year we have had a constant flow of volunteers, young and old, from all over the world. Volunteers play an extremely valuable part in the way we operate, and we hope that they will continue to come for the foreseeable future.

Our Boards of Trustees in Malawi, USA and the UK, have continued to meet regularly and to offer us their invaluable support and assistance, we would like to thank them and all of you for making another highly successful year possible.



All of us at Open Arms wish all of you a very peaceful and happy Christmas and a fruitful New Year!