

Fetching Water Made Easy Using Water Rollers

Fetching water using buckets that are put on the head and walking long distances has not only been difficult but also health hazardous. Day in day out women, children and older people in Songa villages of Songa and other parts of Malawi have been prone to this way of life-the way of lifting buckets on their head,



walking long distances and weighing heavily on their bodies, straining their body muscles and affecting their necks. Because of the poor infrastructure many women and children in Malawi and

Songa Village inclusive have been exposed to the hard way of fetching water daily on their heads.

The people of Songa, a village of close to 100,000 are the lucky ones as they have benefited from the 69 Water Rollers that Save Orphans distributed to grandmothers, women and child headed homes which were donated by Rotary Roll Out the Barrel charity. Marion Tasker of National Police Aid Convoy who is also a member of Inner Wheel Club of Retford pioneered the project with Save Orphans Ministries after seeing that women were suffering from fetching water the hard way.

To the people of Songa this is not a small gift. Group Village Headman Songa was short of words on the timely

donation would ease body deterioration caused by heavy water buckets usually carried on the head. He added, the rollers would also protect the beneficiaries from water borne diseases caught on the way between the water source and home where it is used. We are glad we are one of the first ones in Malawi to be considered for something that otherwise we could never see in



our life time before we would die. For that we are so thankful. The Village headman thanked the roller well-wisher from UK and Save Orphans for being a real friend who have been assisting the people in the area.

He appealed to the donors to continue being alongside them on many developmental activities. He referred to the books, machines, chairs, baby bundles and other assorted items that



came from UK for Songa people. While we thank you for the Water Rollers, we want to thank you for your love. Your interventions have come in time of need when the area suffers from Cholera and other water borne diseases and we thank you for your big hearts, said the Group Village Headman Songa.

In his remarks, Justin Majawa who is the founder of Save Orphans and also a Member of Parliament for the area said the gift was not small. He stressed through a story of a young man who was found throwing back into the sea starfish that was swept by the heavy waves. His spectators felt it was the most effortless job they've ever seen and they asked him what he thought he was doing when there were so many of those starfishes laying off the

shore swept by the strong sea waves. In his response the young man said, it makes a difference to this one...while throwing into the sea another start fish. "When all seems lost in the lives of many people in Songa we can only help one person at a time, one family at a time and make a difference to that family, said, Majawa. He added that the truth of the matter is that it makes a difference in the lives of that one family that gets a Water Roller and surely any little help that can be given brings joy to them.

Justin Majawa said when the need is huge, spending more time analyzing its magnitude doing nothing only brings an overwhelming feeling. Thus the story of the starfish teaches us something that encourages us to help one family at a time to make a difference.

A vote of thanks should go to Marion for her big heart to to assist the needy with the water roller donor and National Police Aid Convoy for their support which has put joy and alleviate the suffering of the Songa people. Today, schools in the area have books, a technical school is being opened and washable girls' sanitary pads are being sewn ready for distribution. What a gift! What a difference for one person at a time! Thank you.

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