

Heritage PC and the Chinunkha Congregation

Heritage Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia, began its mission involvement with Malawi in 2010 with a \$3,000 scholarship to student at the University of Livingstonia, College of Theology - a seminary of the Synod of Livingstonia, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). The Scholarship was inspired by a visit from PC(USA) mission co-worker, Rev. Debbie Chase, the Dean of Academic Affairs and lecturer at the school.

Our scholarship recipient/student was identified as Maggie Chisi. We soon learned that she was not only an excellent student but also a calm and mature presence in the college community and went on to fund all four years of her seminary training. Maggie graduated with



honors in August 2014. In early 2015 Heritage learned that Rev. Maggie Chisi Chivunga was now the pastor of the 400 member Chinunkha Congregation located in the very rural Northern Region, Chitipa District of Malawi where she immediately began addressing the needs and challenges of the congregation.

Although Heritage had been considering the funding of another scholarship at the College of Theology, we instead began a partnership with the Chinunkha Congregation to improve "quality of life" by addressing their stated needs and priorities and providing long-term solutions that strengthen the church and community.

In June 2016 Heritage received a National Capitol Presbytery Global Partnership Grant with matching funds in the amount of \$3,000. To date, this partnership has provided funding for famine relief, delivered twenty (20) repairable Solar Lights and cell phone charging units, and begun the process of bringing electricity to Chinunkha with a signed agreement and funding provided to ESCOM (Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi). And to think all of this started with the funding of a small scholarship.



Heritage is blessed to work with the Chinunkha Congregation and Rev. Maggie who we believe exemplifies the Presbyterian World Mission Global Campaign of "training leaders for community transformation".

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