Natalya's Fund News

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Extracts from Website

More can be found at www.natalyasfund.org.uk.

Tools for Self-Reliance

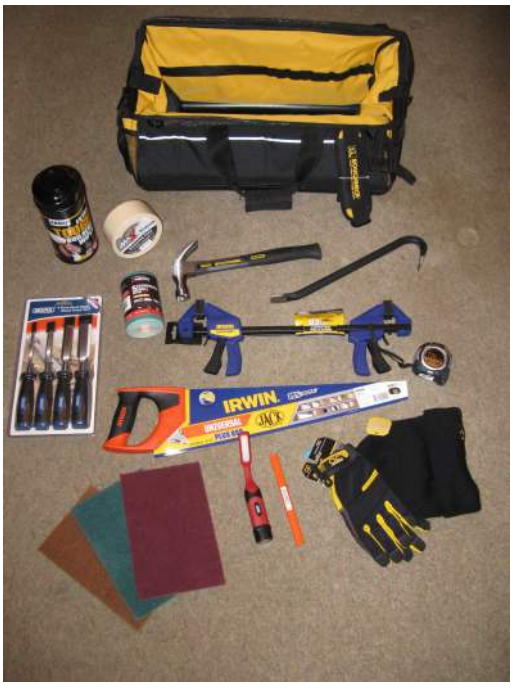
Count your Blessings for Young People in Malawi

In memory of Bob Cook, the late father of our trustee, Chris, we have just arranged with UK Charity 'Tools for Self-Reliance' to provide kits of refurbished carpentry tools to five locations in Malawi. These will be used to give vocational training to young people. Bob loved working with wood and produced impressive results, like making a wardrobe smaller by cutting out some of the middle and joining the two halves back together again - seamlessly! As the projects progress we will be able to share photos and updates on the kits in use.

The kits will be assembled in the UK from second-hand tools sourced here and refurbished by volunteers, and then shipped to Malawi.

We have donated £1,406, made up as follows:

- £172 for two training centre kits
- £246 for six larger kits, for groups of about eight people
- £324 for 12 standard kits, for groups of three to six
- £168 for 12 solo kits
- £496 to pay for their transportation to the locations in Malawi



Andrew was presented with these on retirement; refurbished 2nd-hand tools will be presented to the Malawian youngsters – pictures when available.

Count Your Blessings

To raise more funds and provide even more kits for Malawi, we're using an idea which we've used before, called 'Count Your Blessings'. The idea is that for each day in Lent you look at the enclosed calendar and count up the items it tells you to count. It may be planes, saws, or DIY projects completed. These are all things we can be thankful for, and we can easily take them for granted. So it is, quite literally, counting your blessings. Once you've counted the items, you pay a small sum per item into a pot, or write the figure on the calendar. On the calendar there is a suggestion of how much to put in per item. It is great for kids (and for grown up kids)! Finally, at Easter you pass the money to Natalya's Fund, where it will be used to provide tools and training to needy youngsters in Malawi. Please ensure we get your donation by 30 April.

IRINGA, TANZANIA: School, Vocation, Start-Up ... and Football

Thanks to your support we had the joy of sending a cheque for £4,683 to FISCH to enable 67 children to attend school, ten to receive vocational training, three girls to begin a sewing business together, and 32 kids to play in one of the FISCH United teams. Part of the money pays for provision of uniform and stationery, without which children cannot take up their free school places (ten secondary and 57 primary). The vocational training is to provide opportunities to become taxi drivers, electricians, mechanics, and other trades. Football boots will enable the kids to play against other local teams.

Natalya's Fund is a UK charity supporting underprivileged children and young people overseas. It provides tangible items and supports building projects as requested by those in the field. Since starting in 1992 the charity has raised over £38,000 for its beneficiaries abroad.

It also has a 'home mission' to encourage giving and so bless its supporters. It aims to promote giving by funding complete projects that make a tangible difference, then providing photographic evidence of the improvements.

The current trustees are Andrew Leighton (chairman and treasurer), Chris Leighton (secretary), Heather Thornton and Janeann Hammond.

We send out a brief email occasionally, telling our supporters of significant updates of our website. Our website contains much more information than we can include here. If you are now able to receive emails and view our website, then please let us know if you would like to transfer to our email mailing list. You can do so by emailing us at the address in the panel below.

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