

The latest news from Temwenani

- A public market for Usisya ● New employees ● New skills course
- Funding awarded ● Community centre opens ● Truck donation

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Malawi update

Temwenani has been working hand in hand with the local government to start a trading market in Usisya. With a population of around 17,000 people, Usisya has never had a local market for people to trade items such as food and clothes. This is largely due to the government being short of funding for public toilets which is a legal requirement before a market can operate. Temwenani has provided this funding and a public market has now opened in Usisya.

Temwenani has also just received the fantastic news that they will be receiving 1.5 million Malawi Kwacha in funding from the National AIDS Commission in Malawi — that's £7,600. This money will be used to provide a structured HIV/AIDS awareness campaign, which will include training courses in the community centre, plus the purchase of a television and video player to show educational programmes. Experts from NAPHAM (National Association of People with HIV and AIDS in Malawi) will also be coming to Usisya to give talks and distribute literature to the community.

The Usisya committee had worked on this funding application with Rebecca Bronheim, Temwenani's project manager in Usisya. Their initiative in this has special meaning as it has helped give them ownership of the centre and take onboard Temwenani as their own project.

New employees

Temwenani is pleased to announce the appointment of four new employees in Usisya. Temwenani's new project manager is Rebecca Leigh Bronheim from US, who has over seven years experience in the NGO (Non Government Organisation/ Charity) sector. Her experience is invaluable to the organisation. Temwenani is also glad to announce the appointment of two Night watchmen, Jasper Moyo and Alfred H.B. Nda, who have been taken on to provide security for the community centre. A caretaker, Godrick Mahone, has also been appointed and is so enthusiastic about his new role that he turned up for work three days early! We hope you join us in welcoming all four new members of staff on board onboard.



Above Rebecca Bronheim at the opening of the community centre

Left Market day in Usisya

New skills development

The next skills development course is soon to take place in the community centre in Usisya. TEVET will return to Usisya and will train 12 tailors: two semi-skilled tailors will be improving their current knowledge and ten members of the community be learning a brand new skill. The committee in Usisya helped ensure the selection process for this course was fair. We have 12 very excited trainees from all over Usisya district — several from of the most needy families in the area. The course will start on 1 November.



Thank yous

- **Kate Southerby** for organising 2 very successful Quiz Nights at Bar Excellence in Bristol *Kate (centre) with winning team from the first event pictured below*



- **Jake Langley-Hobbs** for his donation of £100

- **Mark Davies** for his continued support by putting on club nights

- **Leicestershire Police** for donating a football kit for the Usisya football team

- **Mack Daddy's** hairdressers in Bristol for their donation of £250

- Graphic design company **Taxi Studio** for donating £100 www.taxistudio.co.uk

- **Rebecca Griffiths, Adrian Chance, Rob Fisher, Richard Row, Jon Thraves, Chris Lee and Andy Hurley** for running the Bristol half-marathon and raising £350

- **Mrs Williamson** for her generous donation of £250

- A massive thank you to **Martin Collins** from CVS for donating a truck

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the Temwenani volunteers who came to Malawi and worked so hard for the charity: **Max Ellis, Lucy Goldsack, Michael Kelly, Lee Dibden, Kristen Tobiassen, Olly Guise, Andy Stinton, Jeremy Hook, Lisa Kanani, Liam Hancock, Alex and Abby, Tarry and Amy.**

On the radio...

Jo and Sophie were recently interviewed on BBC Radio Bristol and as a result, Jo and Dan Huckle were invited back on Monday 20 September for a lunchtime show. Temwenani's background was discussed, as well as the problems in Malawi, and Temwenani's plans for providing further help and future fundraising.



Official opening of community centre

A grand ceremony was held on Sunday 11 July to officially open the Temwenani Community Centre. Temwenani were glad to welcome the District Commissioner, who is a head government official, to the event which was also attended by many of the local chiefs and village headmen. The attendance on the day was unbelievable: hundreds of people listened to the speeches given by many of the officials from outside, as the centre was so full that no one else could fit in! After the speeches, there was a large celebration with local groups singing, dancing and drumming. One of the songs they sang told of how happy they were that Temwenani is bringing development to Usisya.

Above large crowds at the community centre grand opening

Below 100 Temwenani T-shirts were made and distributed on the day to the Usisya Committee who had worked really hard to make the day a success, T-shirts were also given to many other villagers who had given up their time for Temwenani.



UK update

Jo has now returned from Malawi and is helping the UK committee build up our donor base and look at much-needed funding to help with future projects for the people of Usisya.

Temwenani needs financial help to continue with our future plans. We aim to increase project activity and Rebecca will need a deputy project manager, which we cannot currently afford. If you are interested in organising a fundraising event or a starting direct debit, please email us on temwenani@yahoo.co.uk Alternatively, you can help by providing schools equipment, uniforms, books, and pens.

Temwenani has kindly been donated a truck from Martin Collins who owns CVS, a truck company in Leicester. The truck is about six years old and is currently a shell that will be custom built before being shipped out for use in Malawi. www.uk-cvs.com