



Bucket Kit News

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Crop of Potatoes-January 1st Grown During the Dry Season



Potato field grown with drip irrigation in Mgalimanja Village, Malawi

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Madisi, Malawi ... "I have organized twenty eight clubs with about four thousand farmers doing the drip irrigation. This has given hope to many people in the area. The dehydrated vegetable distribution was given only to those who joined the fight against the famine by doing irrigation. We must encourage everyone to work if they want to eat."

"As a result of this program the first people will start harvesting their crop in January. Those who did not do the drip irrigation will start eating only the green corn, that is not ready to eat, in March. This means we can also buy some potatoes from our own farmers to feed those who did not have the opportunity to do the drip irrigation . Only that we started small; thus why we need more food. The garden in this picture is Mgalimanja's village with 105 farmers. Each of the five ridges are 30 yards long." **Napoleon Dzombe**

\$7,000 Matching Fund Grant Chapin Living Waters Foundation received an offer to match up to \$7,000 in contributions by December 31st. We are happy to announce that donors rose to the challenge, and we have received the full \$7,000 grant. Thank you for your generosity!

NEW SUPER BUCKET KIT

Dick Chapin has developed a larger Bucket Kit system which is now being introduced overseas. The Super Bucket Kit provides drip irrigation for 10 rows, 10 meters long., covering 100 square meters. This larger area can be watered by a 33 gallon bucket by filling the bucket once daily.

Left: Demonstration at ECHO showing a 1/4 Acre Kit, The Super Bucket Kit, a Bucket Kit, and the Super Bucket Kit connected to an existing barrel. One Thousand of the Super Bucket Kits have recently been sent to Honduras.



Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization

Each November, Chapin Living Waters conducts demonstrations and offers information at ECHO'S Annual Conference for international agricultural workers and missionaries. ECHO provides a tremendous opportunity for us to network with workers from many needy countries.

If you are ever near Fort Myers, Florida, it is worth while to visit the Echo Farm and see first hand the extensive work they are doing to help feed hungry people.



MALAWI FAMINE AT CRISIS STAGE!

Millions in Africa on the verge of starvation



Throughout Malawi the very poor are entirely out of food due to the drought and poor crops last year. There will be no new crops until next May. The people are totally dependant on relief food.

Healing Hands International has distributed hundreds of tons of corn and are completely out until their next containers arrive in February. Presently, dehydrated foods are distributed to fill in the gap.

Madisi, Malawi: Village elders, headmen and chiefs prepare the lists of the needy. In this way the old, the feeble, and the sick are identified, and are not overlooked when the trucks arrive with the food. The distribution takes place in an orderly, well-organized fashion.

Food supplies pictured above are sent to Malawi through the combined efforts of Amigo International, Ralpa International, Healing hands International, Breedlove Foods, and the Malawi Project.

BULLETIN: In early January a devastating flood left thousands homeless, washed out gardens and four bridges on M1, the main North-South road in Malawi. Please pray for CLWF as we plan to go back to Malawi to train others to grow vegetables during the dry season. We hope to be able to get the bucket Kits installed early, so the crops can mature before another possible flood next January.

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