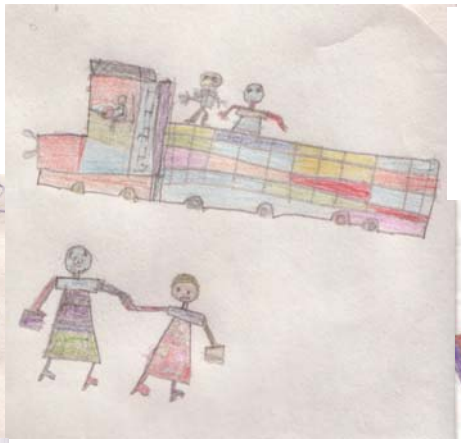
abbas rest orphans - helping children in Malawi



Children's art from the left: Tondo Dono, Femiya Selemani, Kasauka Jesiman, Maheno Gwero and left below John (Joni) Chenjerani.

The ARO children's drawing competition was a great joy to judge, and the winners' works were really standing out! The groups were under 10 years and 10 and over. All winners received wrist watches. Some years ago Kasauka Jesiman was one of the poorest looking orphans, extended belly and nobody to care for him. Now he lives at the Muona Orphan Centre and was one of the winners with his colourful Abbas Rest Orphan Care car picture.

Nearly all of the school-age children with ARO have blossomed and started to use their skills to the utmost of their abilities at the ARO schools and in their main school.

Unfortunately, sometimes when the children grow older they start to take these precious opportunities for granted. Mateyu, Panganani and Christopher Valabu at the Ngabu House have not only all failed their exams at the Ngabu Boys School, but are also causing endless trouble for manager Christopher. He writes: "They behave in a crazy way and don't respect the property in the house. They sometimes come in very late, and I have seen them having things which they haven't bought. They don't want to make any effort at school".
These big boys set a very bad example for the 3 smaller boys, Mumsas, Eric and Charles, living in the house.

We have decided that enough is enough. The older boys must return to their villages. Mateyu, Panganani and Christopher will have a chance to take part in the practical skills training courses which are being set up by Charles Mcgill, pilot schemes of which have already taken place in Chiringa and in Muona.
But the boys have blown their chances for school education.

Manager Thom telephoned us in June from Chiringa saying:"A shipment has arrived, how shall I get it here?" Peter said, by the ARO car, of course. To which Thom shouted: "It's over 120 boxes!!"
In the end he rented a lorry and got the lot in. Again, there were plenty of 'mystery boxes' and also a bicycle. Our sincere thanks to you for the contents, and to the Raven Trust who delivered yet again this marvellous gift to the orphans.

Now until the next time, best wishes and love to you all from
Peter and Kirsi on behalf of ARO.