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"Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice."

Proverbs 31:9

On the left: ARO distributing bales of clothes to the poorest in Chiringa, Phalombe in 2006. (Photo C. McGill)

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Hello, all friends and supporters, and a happy new year to you all! At Christmas time I heard time and time again on the phone from the managers of ARO Orphan Centres: "The parcels are coming in from sponsors and supporters!" In the main office in Scotland we had no idea how many parcels were going from Scotland, England and Finland to the orphans in Malawi...

THANK YOU!

- ❖ In Muona, there was a real Christmas celebration at the Orphan Centre, with bags of goodies for the children and goat stew with rice for all - and these were taken to Kandodo and Masenjere sub-stations, too.
- ❖ Christopher at ARO Ngabu Centre took the Christmas bags to sub-stations already on Saturday, together with goat and rice, so the Christmas meal could be prepared. He said: "We have never had a Christmas like that!" All orphans received gifts and sweets and biscuits.
- ❖ In Chiringa, "children were happy, happy, happy!" tells Chrissy Yesaya. And not only the orphans but their guardians also, as all got a share of goat stew and rice. Mary's Boy Child song was sung and each and everyone received parcels, she tells.

In rural Africa it is hard to find large enough buildings for skills-training for the teens in the ARO programme. The only way to go about it was to start from scratch, from buying the bricks. The 'shopping list' for the work shops built in 2006 in Muona and in Chiringa reads like this:

- 26,600 bricks
- 17 tonnes of sand
- 66 bags of cement
- metal bars
- iron sheets (for the roofs)
- timber and doors
- nails, locks and handles
- lime

Add the wiring for electricity and the cost for labour. The total for the project came to £2,444 (app.) And the new brick wall around the Chiringa Orphan Centre took an amazing amount of bricks and cement, too, costing £1,450.



The new ARO work shop in Chiringa , South East Malawi. (2006.)

