

THE MODERATOR'S CHALLENGE
2024-25

LET YOUR LITTLE LIGHT SHINE

**BUILDING GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH
EDUCATION IN MALAWI**



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**“I WANT TO GO TO SECONDARY SCHOOL
SO I AM WORKING HARD IN THE EVENING
TO COMPLETE MY HOMEWORK USING THE
LIGHT OF MY SOLAR LAMP FROM SCHOOL.
IT HELPS MY WHOLE FAMILY AS WE CAN
READ FROM THE BIBLE AS WE GATHER FOR
DEVOTIONS BEFORE BED.”**

Joshua, aged 10



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During my visit to Malawi in the autumn, I was struck by the determination of the people, and particularly within the Church, to ensure education at all levels becomes available and accessible. We were able to see the steps from Early Childhood Development Programmes to the accredited University programmes of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) with whom the Church of Scotland have a long-standing partnership.



THE RT REV DR SHAW PATERSON

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CREATING A LIGHT LIBRARY

Lighting up homes to allow children to do homework by funding a simple light library at their school can make a difference to their whole future – let's hear from one recipient.

VITUMBIKO'S STORY.

I am 10 years old and am a pupil at Thondwe Primary School in Zomba in Malawi. Malawi is in sub-Saharan Africa and so is near the equator. This means it gets dark between 6 and 7pm every day of the year. I walk to school and when I get home I help my Mum with the chores – I often go to the well to get water for her. By the time I do homework it is dark but I can use my solar lamp.

*name changed



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**“I LEARNED TO DO BASIC MATHS
ALONGSIDE MY CHILD AND NOW I AM
TREASURER OF THE WOMEN’S INCOME
GENERATING GROUP IN THE VILLAGE.”**

Mercy, mother of Vitumbiko.



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INFORMATION ABOUT SOLARAID

SolarAid is an International UK based charity which works in many African countries. It works in Malawi through its social enterprise 'Sunnymoney'. Lights for the Light Library are sourced through them. They will provide help with any lights which have problems.



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POWERING ZOMBA THEOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY'S POST-GRADUATE CENTRE.

Nestled in the foothills of the majestic Zomba Mountain, ZTU has high ambitions. Responding to Malawi's rapidly growing demand for postgraduate studies in theology, it enrolled its first Masters students in 2022 with new programmes in the pipeline (including PhD studies).

BACKGROUND

As part of its strategic plan to advance and extend quality theological education, Zomba Theological University is embarking upon an ambitious renovation project to provide accommodation for new and expanding postgraduate programmes.



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HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS:

- Encourage others as they prepare to welcome Christ, the light of the world, through decorations and gifts to think of the gift of light to children.
- Sing 'This little light of mine' and share Vitumbiko's story...and
 - Have a special offering on one (or all) of the Sundays when you light the Advent candle
 - Have a special offering at watchnight
- Share the vision with your local school at a school assembly.
- Involve other organisations in your church and community such as youth organisations, Guild, Rotary etc.
- Be creative – let us know what you are doing to support a 'brighter future, for the people of Malawi.'

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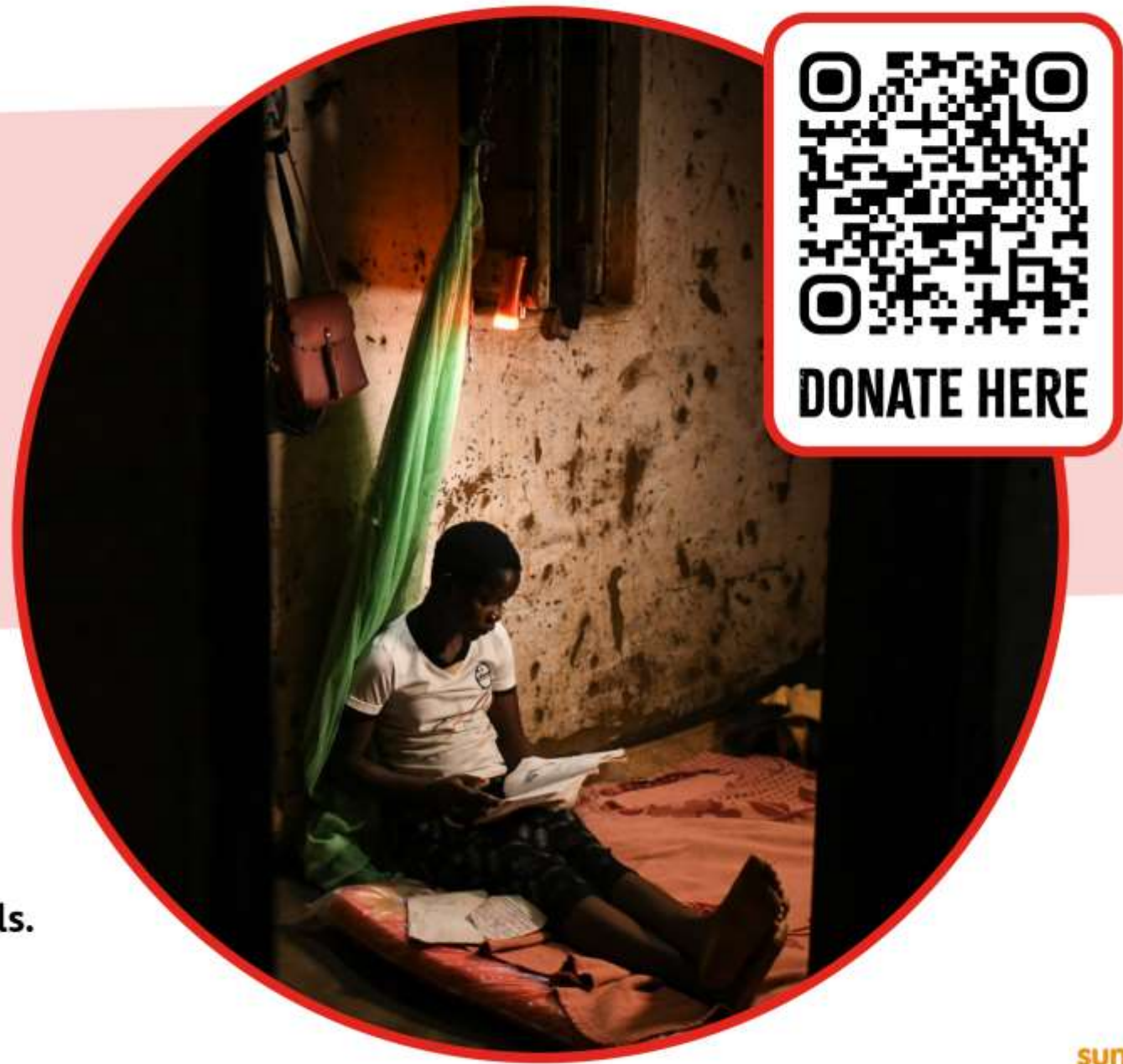
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