



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*The  
difference  
teaming up  
makes!*



**SAFE**

Sub-Saharan  
Africa Family  
Enrichment

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*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."*  
 --Helen Keller



*"Teaming Up to Make a Difference"* ... was our guiding theme in 2018 as we supported our amazing SAFE staff team in Malawi Africa with prayer and giving. Their work with both the young and old continues to impact whole communities with many discovering the hope, love and purpose Jesus Christ brings to their lives.



Across the following pages, you will see how God has used "teaming up" to accomplish so much. Both leaders and everyday people have played large and small parts in the Gogo Grandmothers / SAFE unfolding story.

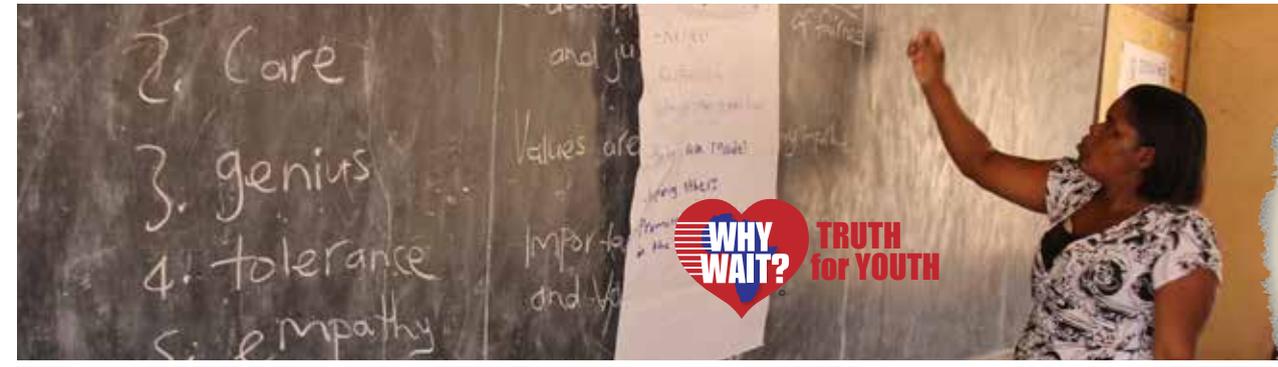
Recently, Mary Phiri, our Early Childhood Development Director, was recognized nationally for her guidance in improving preschool programs. In June, village-born Happy Makala was selected to be SAFE's new Executive Director. He brings 30 years of deep experience inside non-profit organizations in Malawi. He is God's provision to continue building and deepening SAFE's staff and programs for more impact in 2019 and beyond.



Part of the SAFE staff team in Malawi

Thank you for the part you have played and the part you may play in the future! "All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it." – I Corin. 12:27 (TLB)

In Christ's love for the least,  
*Leslie Lewis*  
 U.S. Coordinator for SAFE & Gogo Grandmothers



**Our Vital Program Areas:**

**1 Early Childhood Development**—meeting the educational, physical and spiritual needs of young children.

**2 Education and Youth Development**—Why Wait? life skills training in schools, Christian clubs, mentoring, tutoring and scholarships.

**3 Gogo Grandparent Support**—helping gogos care for orphans and vulnerable children.

**Plus**—SAFE Haven, JESUS Film outreach and Mailbox Club discipleship in prisons & schools. Parent and pastor training, etc.

## Early Childhood Development

Some of the best moments this year have been caring for vulnerable children 0-8 years-old. This is a huge focus for SAFE! 2,209 children are enrolled in our 20 Community Based Child-care Centers (preschools). 88 caregivers (teachers) have been trained to help develop the mental, social, physical and spiritual health of the children. 44 cooks receive an allowance to cook for the children five days a week.

From an early age these children are learning of Jesus' love for them through songs, the Bible banner stories and prayer.



**This year** 65 children moved into their new Tikondane CBCC (preschool) building. Tayamba CBCC will soon be finished for its 75 preschoolers, and Lake Chilwa Chiyambi CBCC for 199 children should be finished by Christmas. Funding for Muwowo CBCC for 78 little ones was raised by children at U.S. Vacation Bible School.



- **IMPACT:** Thousands of young children have passed through SAFE's CBCCs (preschools) and are successful in primary and secondary school. (Nationwide, survival rate of students to 8th Grade for girls is only 22.7% and boys 36%).
- **OPPORTUNITY:** We are developing a literacy program called BUILD (Building Understanding In Literacy Development) that has the potential for vastly improving literacy for young children in Malawi.
- **ACTION:** Help fund the producing of Chichewa books for preschoolers so they can be introduced to literacy in their own language.

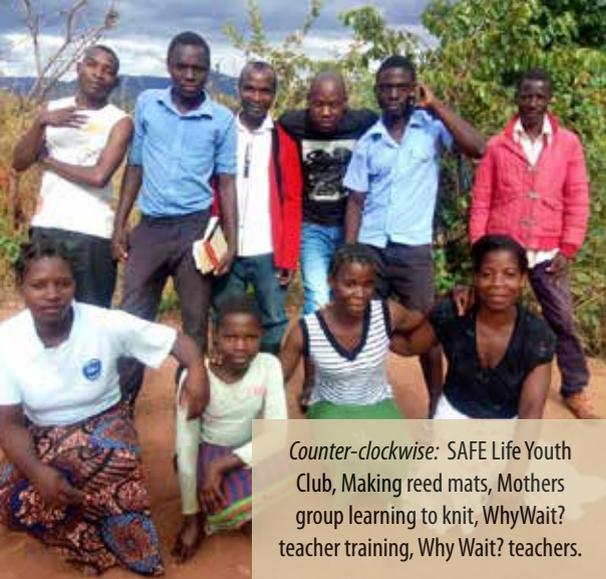


# Education and Youth Development

activities, including WHY WAIT? Life Skills training in schools and clubs, SAFE Life Youth clubs in villages and Mother Groups.

**W**hy Wait? is SAFE's Life Skills curriculum for primary and secondary schools. Its biblically based lessons create positive behavioral change—physical, spiritual and academic.

**SAFE Life Youth Clubs** provide physical, social, recreational, spiritual, and educational support to the older youth in our sponsored villages. The clubs meet for Bible study and discuss how they can help the most vulnerable gogos in their village.



Counter-clockwise: SAFE Life Youth Club, Making reed mats, Mothers group learning to knit, WhyWait? teacher training, Why Wait? teachers.

- **IMPACT:** SAFE LIFE YOUTH CLUBS are helping vulnerable gogos by building fuel efficient stoves, roofing their houses (using grass & plastic sheets) and building toilet areas for them.
- **OPPORTUNITY:** Come alongside SAFE Life Youth by providing the materials they need to assist the gogos and earn a small profit to buy their own school supplies.
- **ACTION:** Provide material for a fuel-efficient stove (\$2.50) or toilet area with bamboo walls (\$13.00).



**The HIV infection rate** among adolescents is 10.6 percent. HIV contributes to at least one third of all maternal deaths and 20 percent of all child deaths in Malawi.

**Over half of Malawi's population** is under 18 years of age—one of the youngest populations in eastern and southern Africa. This presents Malawi with the challenge of ensuring that this large group of young people stay safe and become useful citizens.

- **IMPACT:** After WHY WAIT? training in classrooms at Mtakataka RC Primary School, the Leaving Certificate Exam pass rate went from 50% to 92.8%. Head teacher, Mr. Bernard Kumanda, attributed all this change to the WHY WAIT? Life Skills curriculum.
- **OPPORTUNITY:** Doors are wide open to bring Why Wait? teacher training, curriculum and Bibles into all the primary and secondary schools surrounding our 20 CBCCs in all three regions of Malawi.
- **ACTION:** Help provide a school with Why Wait? Life Skills training for 5 teachers (\$190) curriculum books (\$6.50ea) or a Chichewa Bible (\$10.50). Most Malawian schools are very poor and can't afford books.



# How SAFE/Gogo Grandmothers programs touch many aspects of village and community life.



Build a Community Based Childcare Center (CBCC) preschool building, kitchen and water tap.



Bore hole water



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SAFE Haven urban outreach in Zomba City park to children 6-18 years old.



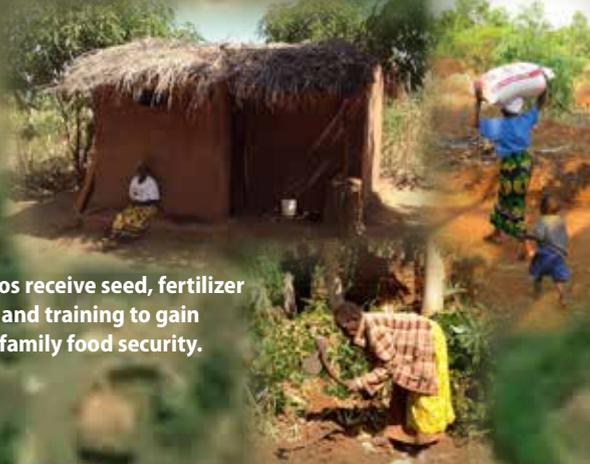
Provide caregivers training and support, and give children a daily nutritious meal, resulting in a life and educational head start.



Jesus Film evangelism and Mailbox Club follow-up discipleship in schools, prisons and a hospital, plus training for local pastors.



Gogos receive seed, fertilizer and training to gain family food security.



Village gogo group provides emotional and spiritual support, plus parenting and nutrition training.



SAFE Life Youth Club promotes personal growth and community service.



## Gogo Grandparent Support

**G**randmothers are some of the poorest and most marginalized people in Malawi, yet they care for the majority of orphans and vulnerable children. The gogos must grow and cook what they eat without the benefit of irrigation or electricity.

We provide seed and fertilizer for their gardens, blankets and mosquito nets for their tiny grass-roofed homes and educational opportunities for the children. Bible teaching, prayer and social support improve their well-being and enables them to effectively care for the children and become strong assets to their community.



*Clockwise:* A gogo family, Blanket distribution, Gogos donate maize for preschool meals, Prayer at village gogo meeting, Cooking on a fuel-efficient stove built by SAFE youth.



→ **IMPACT:** 2257 gogos are presently being assisted in 12 village communities.

→ **OPPORTUNITY:** Sponsorships are needed for gogos. This provides for all the SAFE programs in her village.

→ **ACTION:** Sponsor a gogo in a village for a gift of \$30 a month.

## SAFE Haven

SAFE's outreach to urban village children and youth, 6-18 years-old, takes place from a 40' shipping container, named SAFE Haven. It has become a permanent facility in Zomba City's public park.

This year 1,044 children have been involved in activities there to develop physically, cognitively, emotionally, and spiritually through Bible studies, scripture memory, sports, tutoring, crafts, music, drama, counseling and team building.



**M**ailbox Club is a Bible study curriculum for after school club programs that SAFE leads in 14 schools. (It is called that because it started out as a mail correspondence ministry.) We are seeing the study of God's Word and the friendships made change the lives of these students and also keep them motivated to be successful in school.

**S**AFE ministers regularly to men in two prisons. The inmates gather for singing, Bible study, prayer, films and to go through the Mailbox Club discipleship course. 50 men recently received their certificates for passing the first of 12 lessons.

Several released inmates want to continue to help prisoners come to know Jesus' love for them.

**H**ospital Outreach activities at Zomba Central Hospital began weekly this year at the guardian's shelter for family members while they stay to cook and help care for their relative in the hospital.



## Evangelism & Discipleship

through the *Jesus Film*, Mailbox Clubs and Bible studies in every SAFE program area:

*Example: A Gogo group* was fasting and praying for their own needs, but after reading Isaiah 58, they began to pray for those who were ill in the village. Later 50 people prayed to receive Christ in this predominately Muslim area.

*Example: After 12 Jesus Film showings* in the Kachindamoto area, thousands of people accepted Jesus Christ. 10 Bible studies began and 50 leaders are in training to teach those who desire to grow in their faith.



## Where SAFE serves in Malawi Africa

"I am so encouraged by what SAFE/Gogo Grandmothers is doing. They're on the ground in the villages every day, making a difference physically and spiritually. One person can make such a difference in the futures of these orphans. I urge you to do all you can."

—Josh McDowell  
International speaker and Best-selling author



**O**ur BUILD (Building Understanding In Literacy Development) Project is assessing the effectiveness of teaching and learning in all SAFE Community Based Child-care Centers (preschools). The result will be more effective and appropriate curriculum, materials, training and support for the SAFE staff, caregivers and CBCCs. Assessment tools have been tested in four pre-schools. A BUILD pilot program will launch in 2019.



**S**econdary school fees for 42 new very needy orphaned students were added this year. (25 female and 17 male) These students were active members of our SAFE Life Youth Clubs. We are now covering the school fees for 133 secondary students.



## SAFE / Gogo Grandmothers by the numbers in 2018



**Gogo Grandmothers**  
2,257 Gogos received seed and fertilizer  
17 Gogo village groups spread across 12 community areas.

**Early Childhood Development**  
20 SAFE Community Based Childcare Centers  
2,209 Children enrolled in SAFE's preschools  
88 Preschool caregivers  
44 Preschool cooks

**Support Activity in the U.S.A.**  
14 Gogo support groups  
4,623 Reported volunteer hours  
162 Monthly gogo sponsorships  
9 Church missions support

**Education and Youth Development**  
34 New schools with trained Why Wait? teachers  
13,085 New Why Wait? students being taught  
10 SAFE Life Youth Clubs  
563 SLY Club participants  
10 Mother Clubs  
133 Students receiving secondary school fees

**SAFE Haven**  
1,044 Kids participating in SAFE Haven activities

**Evangelism and Discipleship**  
50 Prison inmates completed Mailbox Club course  
216 Showings of *Jesus Film* and *Walking With Jesus* films  
827 Involved in film follow-up discipleship  
14 Schools with Mailbox Clubs  
572 Mailbox Club students

### Get more involved!

Visit **GogoGrandmothers.com** to learn and become a donor.

Call 760-500-4311, or write:  
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Oceanside, CA 92056-4675



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