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Please Pray For:

- Making the most of the time I have left, both with work and personally.
- Trusting God to provide direction regarding what to do upon my return.

Praise God For:

- The harvest seems to be very good for most people!
- The HBC program is being received very well in the communities.
- We were able to train 16 new home based care providers and start two support groups for people living with HIV.

Robert Banda: Community Leader & Home-Based Care Provider

Back in the beginning of the Home-Based Care (HBC) project, Robert Banda was chosen by members of his community to be the home-based care provider for their community based on his relationships with the people living there.

(NGO) as the HIV coordinator and was a voluntary teacher at a primary school, which he enjoyed because of his own love of learning. He also attended driving school, which he was unable to finish due to a combination of

peanuts and sometimes sweet potatoes or cassava with his family. He has big dreams of finding work that enables him to provide well for his family and sending his wife back to complete secondary school. He would like to start a small business of selling used clothing at markets and finish his driving school training. For his work in HBC, he visits seven to ten patients on a weekly basis. He also visits six people who are HIV positive but unwilling to reveal their status at this time to the community but trust him with the information. He says that he is glad to have been chosen because he likes assisting people and he likes to chat, both of which he is able to do as a provider. He also says that he feels that God chose him to work with people infected and affected with HIV and that is why he is able to work very happily despite not being paid. He is making a difference in his community and is a great example of trusting God to provide on a daily basis.



Robert Banda (second from the right in the blue shirt) with his parents, wife, kids, sister and her kids.

When I am walking with him, he seems to know and be liked by everyone we meet. He is highly motivated and loves learning. He is very inquisitive when confronted by new things because he wants to learn as much as possible about as many things as possible. He has worked for another non-governmental organization

sickness and financial problems. Robert lives with his wife Agnes and two children (Shalom, age 4, and Praise, age 2). They all live next to his parents, sister and her two children. He says that he knows that God will give him a reward for his hard work. He has a small area of land where he grows maize,

What Keeps Me Busy

Esther and I have been keeping very busy getting support groups started for people living with HIV and AIDS, completing the patient registry, meeting with other NGO's, and visiting patients. I still love living on the campus of Chipoka Secondary School

and really enjoy the visits from a few of the students. I've also been able to enjoy several trips around Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia—some for work, some for vacation. It's hard to believe that my time here is coming close to the end, and I am

trying to enjoy everything that I can before I go. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Grace and Peace,
Angel