

**St Joseph's Nguldi Parish  
Limbe - Malawi  
July 16, 2005**

Dear Fr. Gary,

Greetings from the "warm heart of Africa", Malawi. It is my hope that this letter finds you in good health. Fr. Joseph and I are keeping well.



I write to update you on the developments concerning the maize (corn) mill. Like I said in my last letter, we finished molding and baking bricks for the mill structure some time last year.



We started putting up the structure early this year—please find enclosed photos that capture progress of the construction work of the mill structure from foundation to the roofing level. In the meantime we are still waiting, impatiently though, for the installation of electricity power supply and the installation of the maize mill itself. We made an application some two months ago for power supply but up to now nothing is happening—all we are getting are empty promises.

Father, I am pleased to let you know that Fr. Joseph has at last bought a good second hand car with the funds that the parishioners kindly donated at The Fall Festival during our visit last year. The car is greatly assisting in reaching out to the people who require our services in our parish. Please do convey our heart-filled thanks to the parishioners for their kind and timely donation.

Famine is now a source of worry and despair for the people around. In fact, it is worse than last year. The food shortage crisis has affected nearly the whole country and the southern part of Malawi is the hardest hit.



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People have little or no food at all due to poor rains. People come to the mission on a daily basis, some of them very poor and starved, to ask for food and it is sad to turn them away for we do not have enough resources to buy some bags of corn for distribution to the poor.



Since many youths in our parish face lots of problems in sustaining themselves, we have planned to help them be self reliant—hence we would like, with their participation to build small shops where the youth would do small scale businesses and the money realized would help them sustain themselves and pay their school fees. We are also planning to have a small village (community) polytechnic where the youth around the mission (Catholics and non Catholics) would be learning vocational skills. We have already mobilized the youth to this end and they have already molded 80,000 bricks and they are yet to mold more.

I wish you every success in your pastoral ministry. Please remember Fr. Joseph and I to the parishioners. Tell them we wish them well and continue to pray for them.

God bless,

Fr. Johnnie Chimwaza