

Fetching Water Made Easy Using Hippo Water Rollers

Fetching water using buckets that are put on the head and walking long distances has not only been difficult but also health hazardous.



Day in day out women, children and older people in Songa villages of Malawi and other parts of Malawi have been prone

to this way of life-the way of lifting buckets on their head, walking long distances and weighing heavily on their bodies, straining their body muscles and affecting their necks. Because of the poor infrastructure many women and children in Malawi and Songa Village inclusive have been exposed to the hard way of fetching water daily on their heads.

The people of Songa, a village of close to 100,000 are the lucky ones as they have benefited from the 140 Hippo Rollers that Save Orphans Ministries distributed to grandmothers, women and child headed homes. Pastor Suzanne Vogel on her facebook page comment says she was thankful the Meredith Drive Church members who gave money for the procurement of the Hippo Water Rollers from South Africa. "Thank you so much for your giving that has assisted the deserving in a small way," she said.

To the people of Songa do not think they were assisted in a small way. Group Village Headman Songa was short of words on the timely donation which besides easing body deterioration caused by heavy water buckets would also protect those who



received them from water borne diseases caught on the way between the water source and home where it is used. "We are glad we are one of the first ones in Malawi to be considered for something that otherwise we could never see our life time before until we would die and for that we are so thankful." The Village headman thanked the Mr. Dykstra, Dr. Groen, Meredith Drive

Reformed Church and Save Orphans Ministries for being a real friend who have been assisting the people in the area since 2009,

He appealed to them to continue being alongside them on many developmental activities. He referred to the food Songa people had been receiving a project funded by Meredith Drive Reformed Church and urged them to do the same this year of 2016 as people are eating wild tubers due to the dry spell that hit his area. "While we thank you for the Water Rollers, thank you for the food you gave us last year supporting flood victims and appeal that you will support us this year when we are experiencing dry spell and no one is going to harvest anything. Your interventions have always come in time of need and we thank you for your big hearts," said the Group Village Headman Songa.

In his remarks, Justin Majawa who is the founder of Save Orphans Ministries and also a Member of Parliament for the area said the gift was not small. He stressed through a story of a youngman who was found throwing back into the sea starfish that was swept by the heavy waves. His spectators felt it was the most effortless job they've ever seen and they asked him what he thought he was doing when there were so many of those starfishes laying off the shore. In his response the youngman said, "It makes a difference to this one".....while throwing into the sea another start fish. "When all seems lost in the lives of many people in Songa we can only help one person at a time, said, Majawa. He added that the truth of the matter is that it makes a difference in the lives of that one family that gets a Hippo Water

Roller and surely any little help that can be given brings joy to them.

Justin Majawa said when the need is huge, spending more time analyzing its magnitude doing nothing only brings an overwhelming feeling. Thus the story of the starfish teaches us something that encourages us to help one family at a time to



make a difference.

A vote of thanks should go to Meredith Drive Reformed Church members for their support which has put joy and alleviate the suffering of the Songa people.

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