

## A message from Ali Beckett

As you may know, I came back from Malawi 2 years ago with a strong sense that God had more for me to do in this beautiful country. Well, our God is truly faithful and I will be returning to Malawi later this year - to a different place and with a different organisation - but once again working with very disadvantaged children in a mainly Muslim area.



I will be working with an English charity called STARFISH MALAWI whose aim is that of lifting communities out of extreme poverty through Christian teaching, education, health and agriculture. I am delighted and excited to be joining the Starfish Malawi team.

I will be involved with 4 nurseries and potentially 400 children!! My hope and aim is to become a key link person for the nursery teachers, encouraging and helping them to facilitate a good, sound nursery education for each child (aged 3-6 yrs). I want to foster in each child the wonder and enjoyment of learning and help to bring the love of Jesus into their lives.

My job is open ended and will evolve as time goes on, the present plan being to accompany these children next September as they move into year 1.

**I wonder if you can help me in this exciting adventure...? (PTO)**

**I have the opportunity to send materials to Malawi in a container later this month and I am trying to collect the following items. If you can help in any way, I would be so grateful.**

- ✿ boxes of white chalk
- ✿ individual chalkboards (A4)
- ✿ individual magnetic boards
- ✿ magnetic letters and numbers
- ✿ games involving letters, sounds, numbers, shapes and colours
- ✿ wooden/plastic letters, sounds, numbers, shapes and colours
- ✿ flash cards - letters, sounds, numbers, shapes and colours
- ✿ bricks in various geometric shapes
- ✿ shapes - 3D and 2D
- ✿ simple puzzles
- ✿ large coloured beads for sequence threading and threading laces
- ✿ children's books for 3-6 yr olds in good condition
- ✿ A4 packs of card and paper (plain and coloured)
- ✿ scrabble and rummikub tiles
- ✿ brightly coloured bunting (alphabet, numbers or just pretty)
- ✿ large posters or friezes (alphabet, numbers, shapes and colours)

I will place a box in the church porch and also in the office for your items.

The final date for collection is **24th OCTOBER**. At that stage I will take the materials to the container in Kent.

**Thank you so much**

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