

# NIEUWSBRIEF WINTER 2023-24



Beste lezer,

Hierbij presenteren wij u onze winter-nieuwsbrief.

Zoals u van ons gewend bent, blikken wij in onze Kerst-nieuwsbrief terug op de ontwikkelingen van onze stichting in het afgelopen jaar. Dit keer hebben we er bewust voor gekozen om 'alle ruimte' te geven aan een van onze studenten: Victor Atanazio.



Victor is een jonge man die wij als basisschoolleerling leerde kennen: kansarm qua maatschappelijke achtergrond, kansrijk qua intelligentie en (vooral) ambitie. Dankzij de trouwe steun van onze sponsors, hadden we als stichting voor Victor de middelen om hem

gedurende zijn middelbareschooltijd en de daaropvolgende universitaire studie te ondersteunen.

Maar het is vooral aan zijn enorme inzet en ambitie te danken dat hij onlangs zijn universitaire studie succesvol kon afronden. We zijn enorm trots op hem, daarom hebben we hem gevraagd zijn verhaal hier met u te delen. In 2024 zal er nog een groep van onze studenten afstuderen; een zonnig vooruitzicht in deze donkere dagen.

Dank voor uw steun, mede namens onze ambitieuze studenten en fijne feestdagen!

Namens alle bestuursleden,

Renske Bootz



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## MY SCHOOL CAREER

I'm Victor Samson Atanzio, a last born in a family of 8 children. Our family background is very poor and unimaginable. However, what has been echoing in my mind is that "being born in a poor family is not my fault but to die poor is my fault". My academic journey was full of ups and downs just like anybody's journey is, however, I was like flowing water in the river, it faces obstacles but it does not stop moving.

In 2012, when I was at Mdyanyama Primary school, I wanted to be someone else in my family despite being poor. Of course I was not aware that my dreams will reach this far as a University Graduate. By then I was a young boy but I had a dream to be someone else of a status. This is where I met with Warm Heart of Malawi Foundation, an organization founded by Whites from Netherlands. I was not aware that this foundation will change my life for better. Today I'm writing this story as a testimony that Warm Heart Foundation has changed my life completely for good.

When I was at Nsaru Secondary School, i.e. from 2014-2017, my dream was to become a Secondary school teacher, to be specific a Geography teacher since my role model was Mr. T Ndovi. I admired him so much that one day I asked him a very simple question. "What should I do to be like you, sir?" He advised me to follow three important pillars to achieve my dreams. These pillars are Praying, hardworking and determination. When I want to achieve my dreams, I don't look backward but rather I keep moving, and when I'm weak, I add some efforts or try other means of achieving the same thing.

Remember, you can take different routes but reach the same destination. I was a hard working student till I managed to score 14 points in my MSCE results. With my hard working spirit and good results, the same Foundation promised to pay for my Accommodation, food and tuition fee at any University in Malawi. Lucky

enough, in 2018, I was selected to pursue my career of being a Geographer at University of Malawi popularly known as Chancellor College. This is where I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Geography. I have knowledge

on physical planning, Geographical Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS), Environmental management among other fields. All in all, my academic journey at Chanco was very interesting and unforgettable. But this was all fulfilled because of both financial and academic support rendered by Warm Heart of Malawi Foundation.

They took a huge responsibility, a great burden which my family could not carry. I don't know who I could have been if it was not for the sponsorship. This foundation is the reason for me to be a university graduate, a degree holder now. To be honest, I greatly appreciate for the sponsorship and you need to feel it in your hearts that you have changed my whole life. I still have dreams to achieve in my life. One day I want to stand for my people on a position of being a Member of Parliament (MP). I'm praying for this and one day I will make it.

When I was in my final year, I thought of writing something about my area which will be a reference point to achieve the same dream. I thought of putting my area on the map, that's why my dissertation was about \*EXAMINING HOW ROAD TRANSPORT AFFECT RURAL DEVELOPMENT\* the case study of Traditional Authority Kabudula. I chose this topic for many reasons. One major reason is that my area is full of farmers, they are hardworking people, however their living standards seem not to be changing despite all the efforts they put on farming. One of the major causes is lack of good road Infrastructure and I want to fight for this when I will be an MP.

Therefore, I humbly ask you not to be tired with me since you are no longer my sponsors but my parents.

Finally, I'm a happy independent person. My zone of interaction with friends and relatives is growing bigger and bigger now. I wish you all the very best and may the good Lord continue showering more and more blessings upon you.

Kind regards

Victor Samson Atanzio

