



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

**WORLD MISSION FUND**

(CHURCH OF SCOTLAND)



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**"Get a Life!" - Malawi, Africa**

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Dear Captains / Officers-in-Charge,

This is my first letter to you as a "new boy", as Chairman of this Committee – and may I say how honoured, humble and privileged I feel to be thus, especially as my own boyhood background is that of Scouting!! However, I trust that my 27 years as Chaplain to the 163<sup>rd</sup> Glasgow Battalion (prior to my retirement from Ibrox Parish in 2007) and a 3 year appointment as a Vice President at Glasgow Battalion may help to make up for my earlier deficiency!

I enclose some information concerning this year's World Mission Fund Project in the sincere hope that it will be used by yourselves as a fund-raising project by the boys of your Company. You will note that the slogan is "Get a life!" and concerns the further support that is so badly needed by the people of Malawi, especially by the their younger generation. Their life and way of life is so different from ours – for the most part, indeed, they don't have a life that we would easily recognise, we who take all our food, education and home comforts etc. very much for granted. I do hope that you will be able to participate in this most worthy venture, especially if you have not done so previously. Although the leaflet ought to give enough information, please note that you can also get further info by going to the website at [www.worldmissionfund.org.uk](http://www.worldmissionfund.org.uk) . It would be wonderful if we were all able to raise the minimum requirement of just over £14,000.

Of course, I recognise as I type this letter, that international, national and possible personal finances are under current stress and strain owing to what is called the global "credit crunch" - it's all a very serious matter and will very likely have a negative effect on charities and churches. It may not be very easy, then, to stir up enthusiastic interest in our Project, and it may well be in some serious competition with other worthy causes. However, I do ask that you will do your best (oh dear, the Scout Motto!) for the sake of these much less fortunate youngsters of Malawi, many of whom, by the way, are now getting opportunities to join newly formed BB Companies. Let's help them as much as possible, to "Get a life!" .

Please feel free to contact me if you think that I can help you to achieve our aim. I'll certainly do whatever I can.

In the meantime, this year's World Mission Cheque presentation and short entertainment / display, sponsored by Hamilton Battalion to whom we are most grateful as it had to be organised by them at short notice, will take place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Hamilton West Parish Church at 7.30pm**, to which you and your Officers and boys are very warmly invited.

In closing, I take this opportunity to express our many thanks to my predecessor, the Rev. David P Munro, for his many years of service and dedication to this Fund - it has been greatly appreciated.

May God continue to bless the good work that you do.

Rev. C. Blair Gillon, Chairman