

Update from Zomba

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Here is correspondence from Lois Silo, Zomba KIDZ Coordinator, in Zomba:

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Hi Colleagues

I am sorry to have taken a long time without communicating. We are doing okay. Training of the teachers is over. The teachers are excitedly happy to go back and impart the knowledge gained. Construction still on going. Had a short break due to bad roads due to heavy rains. Got back to work early January and hope to speed up a little bit. According to contractors, they hope to finish by end of February. I went to the site last week and was very happy to see the crop that is coming up so far. Parents are willingly working on the gardens and making sure they will yield much more than last year. The feeding program will begin once again when the kids are back to school. As of now, they are home because those temporary shelters that were used before have collapsed and waiting for the new building.

We have been kind of a little busy here and there. Besides this, funerals take up so much time on us as well. There's need however that when it happens that we support one another. Just lost one of our lecturers, a psychologist who used to teach some topics in Early childhood in the department. It is sad for us indeed. But I guess that is life. Owen and I are planning to go to the site sometime next week after our curriculum review workshop and that will be on Thursday. We will then be able to give you a full picture of what is happening.

Here are some photos of the teacher training and crops.

All the best,  
Lois Silo

