



# The Billy Riordan Memorial Trust

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The Billy Riordan Memorial Trust was founded in direct response to the medical needs of the village of Chembe (Cape Maclear). The clinic opened on 24th August 2004, its main mission dedicated to improving medical service within the Cape Maclear/Chembe catchment area. The approximate population of the immediate locality is 12,000 residents but the extended population within a 20km radius is closer to 120,000.



Malawi. The Trust has set up a feeding programme and is currently feeding 800/1000 under fourteen year olds per day. This is expected to continue until April.

The new school year begins in January. Four young people from the village are studying at third level institutions and two young students will complete their Malawi School leaving certificate this year. Sponsorship is received through the Trust.

In January we will bid farewell to Keith Jackson our American physiotherapist. Keith has worked tirelessly since early September both providing the first physiotherapy available in the area and later helping the feeding programme which began in November.



January also sees the departure of Nurses Jayne Kavanagh and Esther Rodriquez from Dublin. These volunteers have provided a primary care nursing service since October. Project manager Mairead Harrington from Ballyduff, Co. Kerry returned home in November.

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The Billy Riordan Memorial Clinic, known locally as the Billy Clinic has, to date, treated more than 16,000 patients.

There is a resident Dutch doctor, volunteer Irish nurses and currently a volunteer American physiotherapist. The clinic provides primary medical care to the local people; population 12,000.



The clinic receives medical supplies from Scottish International Relief. Today the Billy Clinic is generally recognised as one of the best in Malawi.

Approximately 300 patients are treated per week. Some patients travel up to 300 kilometres to visit the clinic. The mortality rate in the



Cape Maclear district has decreased considerably and the health of the community in general has improved significantly.

A feeding programme for babies and under-fives will begin in January 2006.

Famine is once again stalking



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This year the Billy Riordan Memorial Trust Cycle raised €4000 and the "Frocker Soccer" match which took place on 18th August this year, raised in excess of €2000.

This has become an annual fundraising fixture in the summertime in Dingle with local participants dressing in whacky costumes to play soccer.



The Trust wishes to recognise and thank the following people who volunteered to work with us in 2005. Some volunteers have given six months of their time and energy in the service of others. All are unpaid. All have given a minimum of three months dedication. Without their generosity the Trust could not continue its vital work.

- Dr Jeannette Van Os, Holland
- Dr Natalie Davies, Cardiff, U.K.
- Dr Tanya Atapattu, Liverpool, U.K.
- Dr Paul Moroney, Dingle, Co Kerry, Ireland.
- Nurse Hilde Brandt, Hamburg, Germany.
- Nurse Lydie Cherouzova, Jablonech, Czech Republic.
- Maureen Benison, Dingle, Co Kerry, Ireland
- Seamus Mckenna, Dingle, Co Kerry, Ireland
- Nurse Karen Murray, Macroom, Co Cork, Ireland

- Nurse Brid O'Sullivan, Dingle, Co Kerry, Ireland .
- Mairead Harrington, Ballyduff, Co Kerry, Ireland
- Nurse Esther Rodriguez, Murcia, Spain
- Nurse Jayne Kavanagh, Dublin, Ireland
- Nurse Catherine Ginnell, Westmeath, Ireland
- Keith Jackson, Maryland, U.S.A.
- Chris Murphy, Meath, Ireland.
- Anita Thow, Napier, New Zealand.
- Nicola Maher, Dublin, Ireland

## Programmes 2006

The Billy Riordan memorial Trust is a registered Charity in Ireland.

Expansion of orphan Agricultural programme

Extension of Bilharzia Treatment programme

Continued Educational programme

Construction of HIV/AIDS Treatment Centre

Continued expansion of Clinical Services

Provision of Ante-natal Care and Emergency Maternity Services

Under Fives Supplementary Feeding programme

Funded by Cavan County Council BRMT has commenced a bi-annual bilharzia and helminthic treatment programme for the children of the area.

Bilharzia is a widespread and debilitating disease leading to anaemia and growth stunting in children and young adults.



The Trust is supported by:

- Scottish International Relief.
- Anglo-Irish Bank.
- Cavan County Council.
- Surgeon Noonan Med Society.
- Sion Hill Secondary School.
- Castlegregory Secondary School.

The Trust has also received very generous donations from many individuals both in Ireland and also the United States. Fundraising is undertaken continually by supporters of The Trust.

Malawi is in the Sub Saharan Africa and borders with Zambia Zimbabwe Mozambique and Tanzania.



Population: 13 million.

Life expectancy: 37 years.

More than 95% of the population are without electricity.

5% of girls get to second level education.

## Would you like to spend three months living and working in the Third World ?

We are a small Irish based Charity working as a Non Governmental Organisation. We manage and run a Primary Health Care Clinic at Cape Maclear, Monkey Bay, Malawi , C/Africa.

We are seeking qualified doctors, nurses and other medical personnel to come and work with us in our Clinic on the shores of Lake Malawi.

Volunteers are asked to spend a minimum

of three months with the Trust.

You will be accommodated in our new purpose built volunteer centre located on the beach in Cape Maclear village.

For further information please log onto our web site at

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