## Amani Care

## Children of Peace – Students for Peace

## 'A cup of porridge and loving care'

It is now ten years since we commenced our involvement with the children and the local community in the area of Makang'wa Village. Our work commenced in a time of famine in late 2005, with the famine conditions continuing through 2006. After the seasons had changed, and local conditions had improved,



several village leaders came to the Amani Center, to offer thanks and to share what the local people were saying. I asked, "What are they saying." The leaders replied, "They are saying that God has visited us!" Do you recall the words in the New Testament, "Let your light so shine before men that, seeing your good works, they will give the glory to your Father in heaven." It is a precious thing when people 'get it right'.

Now, thirteen years later, we have a Preschool program for 170 children in the Makang'wa village, which includes Igondola. There are also uniform and basic academic requirements for 55 Primary students each year, plus limited support for secondary students attending local secondary schools. At present there are

only 18 direct sponsorships! You will understand that this creates a problem in meeting the needs of all of the children. I understand that we shall never be able to gain sponsors for all children. Maybe the large international organizations can adopt that plan, but then they have large overheads and persuasive advertising. I KNOW we can avoid that! Donors will be assured that at least 95% of donations will be applied to the stated purpose.

The Local Committee responsible for supervising this work keenly support this approach. Local African people are essentially 'community minded'. This approach fits well with their understanding of care for children within a community.

The children in this newsletter are representative of the Preschool children. *Their parents are happy for them* to *be shared with you*. (These children are *graduating* to primary school, 2019). A quarterly newsletter will be produced, providing information on the progress of the work, celebrating the progress of children, together with general information on the committees and the staff.



Sponsors will choose either to support at preschool, primary or secondary level, and will stay at that level unless a sponsor requests a change. Sponsorship gifts are applied to: food, education expenses (teaching and activity materials, teachers' salaries), uniforms and health requirements. All children will receive new uniforms for the commencement of the 2019 Academic year.

Sponsorships are set at: Preschool - \$120.00USD; \$165.00AUD Primary - \$60.00USD; \$85.00AUD Secondary - \$250.00USD; \$280.00AUD

Sponsorship gifts should be directed to: Amani for Africa USA Foundation 100 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 305 Billings, MT USA Info.amaniusa@gmail.com

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## You raise me up - to be more than I can be!

