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On the 6th September, 4 ACCESS ICT staff set off for a 15 day humanitarian aid trip to Malawi with Glasgow City Council's Lord Provost's Malawi Fund personnel.

170 PCs, 11 laptops, 10 printers, comms. equipment and a server built by the team on Tuesday evenings had been boxed and shipped to Malawi in a container 8 weeks earlier had arrived in time for us. A logistical shipping challenge successfully managed by Brian Kelly (Lord Provost's Malawi Project Director).

During our 15 days in Malawi the following projects were successfully completed.

1. Dae Yang Luke Hospital – New Hospital Training Wing and Laboratories cat5e cable managed for 22 new desktops and 2 network printers. 1 server installed. 1 day of technical training delivered to Kingsley Gondne for desktop support (software imaging and hardware support). Windows Server 2000 training and VOIP consultancy provided.



2. Dae Yang Luke Mission Hospital Accommodation Wing – 4 desktops installed.
3. College of Health Sciences – Refresh of 2006 desktops in the training room and library. 25 desktops and 2 network printers. 1 day of technical training provided for ICT support to John Banda. Internet access for all library desktops.



4. Lilongwe LEA Primary School – refresh of 2008 desktops. 8 PCs and 1 printer



5. Mlodza Primary School – Refresh of 2006 equipment. 7 PCs. 2 days ICT training for 5 teachers. Talk with Mlodza Girls Organisation regarding ICT and Education.



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6. Kafulu primary School – Refresh of 2006 equipment. 10 PCs and 1 printer. 2 days ICT training for 5 teachers.



7. Dzaleka Refugee Camp – 20 PCs and 1 printer networked in a learning centre running 2 classes Mon- Friday for refugees. 1 day of technical training for desktop support and 1 day of advanced database and comms. training provided to camp's ICT trainers.



8. Dedza Civic Library – 9 PCs and 1 printer installed.



9. Dedza Forestry – 1 PC installed
10. Repair of existing PCs for Training Centre



11. Dedza Agriculture – 1 PC installed.
12. Dedza Prison Service – 1 PC installed (first PC provided for Prison Service in area!)



13. Dedza City Assembly – 10 desktops and 2 network printers installed. 2 days technical training provided to Raymond, ICT technician for Dedza City Assembly. Server support and advice provided.

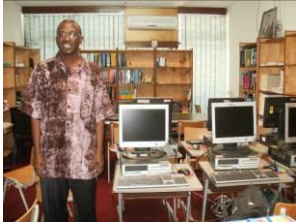


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14. 500 miles Prosthetics Clinic – 4 PCs and I printer installed.



15. Repair PCs donated to Kamuzu Central Hospital Library and internet PCs.



16. Equipment was donated to the Lion's Eye Hospital (Blantyre), mobile prosthetics project, and hospital outreach projects.

Request for ICT projects for 2011 are already coming in;

- a. Mlodzi Girls Organisation outreach,
- b. Networking all Dedza Assembly buildings,
- c. PCs and training for schools and teachers in the Lilongwe area,
- d. Internet for Kamuzu Hospital library and operating theatres
- e. Request for computers from College of Health Sciences for campuses at Blantyre and Dedza.
- f. Requests for computers from Fr. Francis Kachere for the leprosy village staff
- g. Request from Sister Michelle Carter for computer support for local community school close to Dzaleka Refugee Camp

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If you are interested in the work we are doing in Malawi and have a few hours to spare on a Tuesday evening we meet every Tuesday from 4.30 – 8.30 pm at our store. For more information please contact- Jim Buist 20992, Ian Black 70168, Julie Dalzell 75675, Maria Quintas Zon 20986, Hilary Wood 20967, Sammy Birnie 74087, Libby Carey 20949.

