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Please allow me to **thank you** for your support during our recent pill container collection for Malawi. It has been a success beyond anything we could have ever imagined. Before the collections ended on January 15 we have surpassed an unimagined 2 million prescription pill containers. Over 600,000 have already been shipped and as they are distributed in Malawi we will post pictures and stories on the website, Facebook, and our electronic newsletter.

Our Board of Directors feels all of the programs we need to refocus on are important, and there are a number of them this year. However, there is one that needs immediate and urgent attention.

A life threatening famine is spreading across Malawi. Since harvests take place in April and May, and since last years planting was destroyed in many parts of the nation because of severe weather conditions, large amounts of village grain bins are running out of food. It will only get worse between now and the next harvest. To add to the pain rains in 2016 are almost questionable.

Without our assistance many villages are just too far away from the next locally grown food supply. Food can be shipped in or purchased on the local market. It is just that the village people do not have money to purchase it. We can do both; ship and buy. That will be our focus in the short term. At the same time we will be working to procure more drip irrigation systems and V-Tractors (see our Facebook and web site for more details) to help them get back on their feet with the new planting season. During the disastrous famine of 2001-03 we were in Malawi and witnessed the suffering first hand. We will be there again later this year and expect to see much of the same. However, we hope this time we can gain a great response and make a difference for people who don't deserve to suffer the hideous situation they face.

Please pray for our success, and please subscribe to our newsletter (see the bottom of the page for contact addresses). This way you can keep up with what is taking place during 2016. We have great plans and God willing, many of them will be accomplished to help stem suffering in Malawi.

Again, thank you for your help in recent months, and for your continued focus on Malawi and its people.

Sincerely,

**Dick**

Richard Stephens, co-founder, Malawi Project

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## FAMINE IN MALAWI – A Picture of Hopelessness

Malawi, Central Africa ... Famine has again come to Malawi, not because of the lack of effort on the part of village farmers, but because of weather conditions they cannot control. It was the same in 2002-03 when a similar weather situation caused devastating famine. It was during that time this picture was taken. I have looked at it multiple times over the years hoping against hope to not see the same situation again. But weather conditions over recent months have brought the same conditions and the same results. Over 3,000,000 people are in jeopardy of starvation, and immediate aid is necessary.

Unlike developed nations, there are few resources to assist those who suffer from crop losses in Malawi. As the 3<sup>rd</sup> poorest nation on earth the government is helpless to assist the massive number of people who are suffering. Many aid organizations have a number of nations on which to focus, and while there is food in the cities, the village people have no money with which to buy it. Eighty-five percent of the population of Malawi lives in the small village areas.

The Malawi Project, with the conclusion of the pill container program, is now focusing on famine relief. Funds are needed for shipping costs. The food is available and can be donated to the Project. However, the funds to ship it to Malawi are needed. Please mark checks "Famine Relief", or go to the top right corner of this web site and click "Donate". Mark your donation as "Famine Relief." Every dollar will help make the difference.



*The picture shows a woman at one of the Malawi Project distribution sites waiting for food in an earlier famine. Unlike most Malawians who are frequently smiling and happy, her expression tells a story of despair, desperation, helplessness and hopelessness.*