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## Meet Grace Kubikisha-Carter

## From Vision to Transformation

This summer, a team of Pamoza supporters traveled to Malawi from July 8–24 to serve alongside Pamoza staff. Over two weeks, they met with beneficiaries, explored local communities, and facilitated 3 vision clinics serving more than 200 people.

Team member Tierra Smith was struck by the spirit of the people she met: ***"The people in Zowe are an example of what a heart of gratefulness actually looks like."*** That gratitude was evident in unforgettable moments—witnessing people see clearly after receiving glasses, praying with families like Christina's after the loss of her baby, sharing the Gospel, and hearing testimonies of men like Samson. Once a heavy drinker who abused his wife, Samson's life was transformed after joining one of Pamoza's programs and coming to Christ.

Returning team member Sherard Graham reflected, ***"It's amazing to see how far Pamoza has come since the last time I was here. Some of these things, like the tailoring training center, were just an idea, and now they are actually doing it. Pamoza is doing so much."***

For others, the trip was eye-opening. ***"I have volunteered in many African countries, but Malawi has some of the greatest needs and fewest resources"***, shared team member Mary Laxton. ***"Doing the vision clinics was a meaningful experience. I would love to go back and serve again."***

## Behind the Scenes

It takes many people to make Pamoza's work successful, including those who work behind the scenes without seeking recognition. This quarter, we would like to highlight **Grace Kubikisha-Carter** (pictured on left). She served as Executive Assistant for 5 years. We spoke with her about her time at Pamoza, her next steps, and her hopes for the future. More at *pamoza.org/impact/behind-the-scenes.*

## Sustaining Us in Summer

Summer giving often slows for Pamoza. Thank you to everyone who carried us—especially **Donna Hislop** for her **Christmas in July** initiative, which raised $2,500 and **Scott and Trudy Orthey's BBQ fundraiser** which raised $10,000. We're equally grateful for those who gave simply because God laid it on their hearts—gifts that arrived unexpectedly and exactly when we needed them most. Your generosity helps us sustain our work in Malawi.

We typically use this page of our newsletter to highlight accomplishments across our five key initiatives, but for this special edition we're highlighting five beneficiaries we met during our summer trip to Malawi. Each of their stories shows **C.H.I.E.F.** in action—**C**hristian Outreach, **H**ealthcare, **I**ncome generation, **E**ducation, and **F**ood security—made possible by your generosity.

## Christian Outreach:

## Meet Blessings

During worship at a church in Kaviwowo, the mission team met Pastor Blessings, a current student in Pamoza's four-year Church Leaders Training Institute (CLTI).

Dressed in a suit, he embodied the dignity and confidence of a leader. Over lunch, the team learned about his call to ministry and how CLTI—**now training 42 church leaders**—has sharpened his biblical study and discipleship skills. The team also attended a service led by a CLTI student and saw sermon preparation put into practice. ***"This program has really helped us understand and share God's word better."*** Blessings is one of many leaders multiplying Pamoza's Christian Outreach, helping God's Word take deeper root in Malawi.

## Healthcare

## Meet Beatrice

We were excited to offer vision checkups for the first time in our service area and saw deep gratitude. ***"Before today I couldn't see a thing. Now I see everything clearly. Thank you so much!"*** Beatrice told us. Best of all, the work continues: we left supplies for visual-acuity testing so our full-time clinician can keep meeting the need. Needs remain, too—on her way home Beatrice added, ***"Maybe next time we can also get our ears checked; I struggle to hear clearly. But I thank God I can now see."*** We partnered with Dr. Cassim, a local optometrist. He praised Pamoza for distributing brand-new glasses—made possible through our partnership with Great Faith Vision, which shipped 2,000 pairs to launch the eye clinics. Dr. Cassim remarked, ***"What you have done here is very special."***

## Income Generation

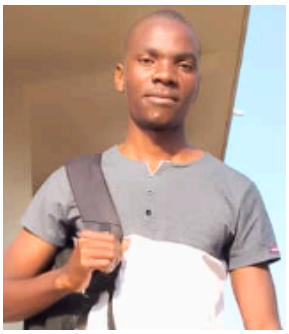
## Meet Ivy

In Kasalu village, the team met Ivy, treasurer of her Village Savings & Loans Association (VSLA). Nicknamed the "Boss Lady" for her boldness and vision, she began with a 20,000 kwacha loan to sell salt and has

since taken the group's largest loan—100,000 kwacha—to buy bricks to build a house. ***"I don't waste time—I use every opportunity to grow."*** Her VSLA meets weekly to save together and issue small loans for members' microenterprises—and they also hold a Bible study. Spiritual and economic growth are equally important to Ivy because when asked to share some of her hopes and dreams for the group, Ivy asked for Bibles. ***"Look at all the members we have here,"*** she said pointing to the 20 or so people in her group, ***"yet we don't have enough Bibles. We need some Bibles."*** Her boldness is reshaping what's possible.

## Education:

## Meet Oscar



When we first met Oscar, we had no idea how hard he'd worked for his education. He has the determination of a young man who refuses to let obstacles stop him. In high school (which is not free in Malawi), he had no one to pay his fees, so he sold eggs at the Euthini Trading Center—waking early and using every coin to stay in school. When he was selected for college, the costs rose again. A Pamoza scholarship covered part of his tuition, and he kept working to cover the rest. ***"Pamoza didn't just fund my education—they gave me a reason to believe."*** Now a third-year student at Domasi College of Education, Oscar still works hard to stay in school—and he's also giving back. This summer he volunteered as a translator at two of our vision clinics, a position that required him to learn information quickly. He was amazing.

## Food Security:

## Meet Stella

In Mzambazi, the team met Stella, whose thriving farm shows how families can achieve food security with hard work and knowledge. Through Pamoza, she learned dimba farming—planting during the dry season in low-lying land where water remains—and now

she mixes her own fertilizer as taught by Pamoza. Her dimba is lush with lettuce, sugarcane, tomatoes, and cassava; at home the family also keeps cows, pigs, pigeons, and chickens. Her journey with Pamoza began when her son Boniface received a scholarship—today he's a nurse and Stella and her husband work side by side with their children to farm well. Their harvest doesn't just feed the family—it paid school fees: ***"I used money from my farm to put the rest of my children in school."***

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