

## **Women of Grace Widows Fund**

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## Dear Friends,

Many, many heartfelt thanks to ALL OF YOU who have supported the Women of Grace Widows Fund and ensured that the 2023 mission trip was an amazing success and blessing to Kathy and me, and to the women and girls of northern Malawi.

This year we were able to:

- Renew friendships with the 25 women who sew, after almost 4 years apart due to Covid.
- Participate in joyful Sunday worship with our Malawian friends, giving thanks for the myriad of blessings we all continue to receive.
- Watch the installation of an iron sheet roof on a widow's home.
- Provide sewing training to 6 new women who are members of the widows' families, making the project intergenerational.
- Upgrade the solar power system to support 4 electric machines at the sewing center.
- Purchase 2 more treadle machines, for a total of 6, so sewing can continue even in the depths of the rainy season.
- Distribute more than 225 menstrual hygiene kits to needy girls and women. Some of these kits were sewn by supporters in the US and Canada. Thank you!

Please watch and share the trip video found at:

https://youtu.be/WNxbQrV7YZA

OR

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3720749758158366&extid=WA-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\_GK0T-GK1C&mibextid=I2pjGR&ref=sharing

Please contact us if your group would like to hear more about our work or if your group would like to learn how to sew the PantiPlus menstrual hygiene kits.

Thanks, Grace, and Peace to you all,

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Arrival and installation of the iron sheet roof





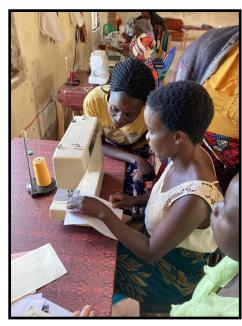
Brenda learns to sew.



Visiting with Esnart and her daughters

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Gladys demonstrates to new sewers



Distributing PantiPack menstrual kits at Chibwaka School