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UrbanPromise International identifies, trains, and equips emerging leaders to initiate, develop, and sustain Christian-based youth development organizations in our world's most under-resourced communities.

As a community of people inspired and guided by Jesus, we exist to reduce poverty in under-resourced communities by unlocking the inherent God-given potential of children and teens.

Promise Cohort: Dec 2021-Dec 2023

Beatrice Wangai

YouthPromise, Kenya

Beatrice, upon completing her Master's in Organizational Development, will return home to YouthPromise Kenya to develop the Girls Empowerment Program.



Esther Chikuse

Rise Malawi Ministries, Malawi

Esther joins UPI after working for the past few years at Rise Malawi Ministries and is looking forward to returning home in December 2023 to build a library and reading center at Rise Malawi for the community of Madisi, working to promote reading among the primary school students whom Rise Malawi ministers.



Kelliote Kadammanja

YouthCare Ministries, Malawi

Kelliote will be returning home to YouthCare Ministries and plans to develop an IT Trade Training Program to help the Youth in the program develop computer skills that will help them become more employable, He looks forward to connecting the youth to internship opportunities which will open opportunities for further employment.



Kwame Owusu-Ansah

Ghanai

Kwame who is our first fellow from Ghana, West Africa hopes to return home to Ghana to open the first Ghanaian UPI affiliate. Kwame who is a licensed Civil Engineer plans on developing his program to focus on leadership and discipleship training, vocational training based on the local needed job skill set, plus Entrepreneurial mindset so those who go through his training will be able to look ahead and determine needed skills for the future.



Margeret "Maggie" Sikwese

Seeds of Promise, Malawi

Maggie has been working with Seeds of Promise Ministries and plans to return home upon the completion of her studies to develop a Girl's Can Program for the community which surrounds Seeds of Promise. She hopes to both educate the girls in areas of menstrual hygiene & management as well as give them the tools and resources to stay in school. She will be teaching them sewing as well as business management.



Eneless Chikandira

LoveDriven Ministries, Malawi

Ms. Chikandira graduated from African Bible College with a degree in Christian Education. Eneless has been working with Love Driven Ministries. She has been the mastermind behind the farm project and their Girl's outreach program. Mr. Adams credits Eneless' knowledge and hard work for the success of the farm. Her program responsibilities have been the girls' programming. She has passionately been running the program for the past year. She plans to return home and oversee the start of Love Driven High School.



Grace Thembulemba

GoodPromise Ministries, Malawi

Grace Thembulembu graduated from African Bible College with a Bachelors degree in Christian Leadership and Business Administration and will be receiving her MBA while in the fellowship. Grace was key leadership for development Good Promise Ministries. While working with Good Promise, Grace was responsible for accounting and all the girls empowerment programming. She worked with the respected older women in the village to successfully reenroll 13 girls who had dropped out of school in the 7th and 8th grade. After her community needs assessment, Grace developed a community co-op farming program which will assist with both the sustainability of the ministry, but also the families in the community allowing the necessary food and resources to keep their daughters in school.



Justice Pondani

MercyCare Malawi

Mr Justice Pondani has been working at MercyCare Highschool as a teacher and deputy head master. Justice has a BA in Business Administration from the University of Malawi. When Justice returns home his plans are to develop the sustainable farming program at Ntchisi Secondary School, as well as take a leadership role within the school. Justice will be working on his MBA while he is here in the states.



Madalo Chapolo

RiseMalawi, Malawi

Ms. Chapola has an undergraduate degree in Christian Education from African Bible College and had previously graduated from the teaching college in Malawi. She was a teacher before her time at Rise Malawi. While there, she leads their Camp Leaders Program as well as their Afterschool program and Camp Programs. Her passion was teaching the students to read.

When Madalo returns home, she plans to return to Rise Malawi and open their elementary school. She believes this is the perfect time to partner with Esther and her library project as they start a primary school with a strong reading program.



Madalo Champeni (Dalo)

Cornerstone Ministries, Malawi

Dalo graduated from African Bible College in Malawi with a degree in Christian Leadership and Business Administration.

She is currently pursuing her Masters of Business Administration at Cairn University.

She was a beneficiary of Rise Malawi and was sponsored through college by them. Ms Champeni has been ministering at Cornerstone Ministries as a teacher for their Highschool Life Skills classes, as well as the Girl's Choir director. She is planning to return home and start an elementary school in partnership with Cornerstone Ministries in Salima.



Hope Cohort: Dec 2020-Dec 2022

Klah Doteh

Quality Life Liberia, Liberia

Klah will be returning home in December 2022 to develop a youth training and discipleship program to empower the youth impacted by the civil war in Liberia, empowering them to live up to their God-given potential.

