Thank you.
Thank you for showing up.
Thank you for celebrating the small joys and big wins, finding creative ways to fundraise, advocating for the mission of Outreach, sharing our story, being a mighty voice for this important work and partnering with us to support local leaders and community-led groups who are developing lasting solutions to poverty-related issues.

We envision a world where communities are working together to overcome the challenges of chronic poverty and your partnership makes this vision a reality. Thank you! We are proud to present you with this partnership update so that you can get a glimpse of the good that your generosity makes possible in the country you choose to support.

Enclosed you will find a copy of your 2020 giving report which includes a summary of the contributions made towards your partnership throughout the year.

Finally, we’ve also enclosed a recognition gift as a token of our appreciation for your continued support! We hope that this gift finds a place where it can be proudly displayed and shared with those that made this possible.

2020 was a challenging year for all of us, but if anything, we’ve learned that together we can do hard things. Thank you for your continued partnership. Through grace and grit, we will continue to change the world together. From everyone in the Outreach family, thank you for your trust and support. You make so many good things possible!

We hope you enjoy this March 2021 edition of the Partnership Program Updates! If you need more resources to share with your group, please visit our website at outreach-international.org/resources. If you have specific questions about your giving report or just want to say “Hello!”, please contact Marsha Penrose at m.penrose@outreachmail.org.

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New Kids on the Block

There is a new kind of litter patrol in Ofesi, Malawi. Residents in the community of Ofesi worked together to identify insufficient sources of income as a community issue. Ofesi’s solution? Goats. Easy to care for, with lots of benefits for their owners, goats are the easy choice.

Finding food nearly anywhere, goats are extremely resilient and do not have special dietary needs. This makes it very cost effective for group members caring for the goats. Goats provide a wide variety of benefits including milk, organic fertilizer, kids (the baby goat variety), meat, and leather. To maximize the benefits, the group in Ofesi is purchasing 18 goats (16 females and 2 males). All group members will contribute to their well-being, then members will get their own goats as they produce offspring.

Currently, the group is participating in a training led by a local government agriculture worker to learn the proper and effective goat care. In these training sessions, members are learning about proper feeding, vaccinations, grazing techniques, and other general care information. They’ve even already learned how to build a proper goat house! After training on goat house...
construction, members went to work purchasing materials and assembling the structure. Now with their goat house completed, the group is ready to find their new, furry friends!

With the project fully underway, members are looking forward to higher crop yield with goat manure fertilizer. This will not only increase income from selling crops at market, but it will also decrease malnutrition among children and elderly community members because of the greater availability of food. We know what you’re thinking, “You’ve goat to be kidding me with all these benefits!?” - but we can assure you that this project might just be one of the greatest of all time... The list goes on too! The members will also be able to use their increased income to pay school fees for their children’s education, reducing illiteracy rates. They will also be able to use their income to pay for other basic needs, housing improvements, etc. The implementation of this project will also allow the community members to gain skills and knowledge in project and financial management. Their work as a group will continue to become even more sustainable! First item on the agenda: Chew grass!