2021 challenged us all with some obstacles that were bigger than any of us could have expected. But rather than halting our progress, you still came through, making our victories even bigger than we could have imagined. We were all fatigued from uncertainty and isolation, from having to adjust to a new normal. And as volunteers and fundraisers, you had to rethink strategies to keep helping us do our work with your support. And you succeeded, as always, more impressively than ever.

So, thank you. Thank you for your perseverance, for advocating for our mission, for sharing our story in new and creative ways. Thank you for being our voice that allowed people everywhere to continue to make a positive difference during these unprecedented times.

We envision a world where communities work together to overcome the challenges of chronic poverty. Your partnership makes this a reality. The victories you have made possible are your victories, too.

We’re proud to present you with this partnership update, so you can see a small example of the good that your generosity makes possible in the country you choose to support. And enclosed is your 2021 Giving Report, summarizing the contributions made toward your partnership last year.

We hope you enjoy and find inspiration in this 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 or just want to say “Hello!”, please contact Marsha Penrose at m.penrose@outreachmail.org

Kalayire, Malawi’s “Progressive Family”

Symon, one of the community members in Kalayire, Malawi is proud of his family’s present situation. “We have experienced tremendous improvement and change through the establishment of various projects, like guinea fowl raising and food loan projects. We are now able to get necessities for our family after selling guinea fowl eggs, a development which was not there before.”

“We have also managed to pay school fees for our child at the Mphomwa Community Day Secondary School. We are now one of the most progressive families the community has ever had. Even people around us testify of our success and progress in our social-economic status.”

However, some neighbors initially had their doubts. “The guinea fowl raising project was not received by many people in our group. Some thought that they could not benefit as per their expectation, and as such they ignored it. But now they call us a progressive family upon seeing a change in our lives from the same project some belittled.”

“Since the inception of the food loan project, we no longer spend our time working in other (wealthy) peoples’ fields for food because we now access bags of corn from our organization on loan. Now, much of our time is being spent on our own piece of land and we are now able to realize high crop yields. We thank (the Outreach facilitators) for coming to work with us. We have benefited a lot.”

Thank you so much for helping make this amazing success possible!