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The Covenant of Partnership between Ayr Presbytery and Bandawe and Limphasa Presbyteries in rural Northern Malawi began in 2004 when a World Mission team, including a minister from Ayr Presbytery, visited Malawi just after a very poor harvest.

The traumatic experience of seeing many people virtually starving led to an Ayr Presbytery team visit in 2006 to determine how best to help, and the Presbytery Partnership Agreement has been in place since then. Subsequent team visits have taken place in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2017.

The Covenant has encouraged individual churches in Ayr Presbytery to Twin with churches in the two Partner Presbyteries. This has worked very well and the team visits are to help sustain, develop and strengthen these links and to manage the projects we support.

Dundonald Parish Church has twinned with the Mdyaka Congregation which includes 5 prayer houses and two nurseries: Mlore McAlpine and Chiole.



In addition to prayer, the areas identified to help the local communities include: people and church buildings; orphan care centres and nurseries; widows associations; primary and secondary schools and a school for the deaf; clinics and hospitals; and the need to achieve long term sustainability.

For more information on Ayr Presbytery and Malawi see the [Presbytery website here](#).

Zambia - Dundonald Birthday Scheme

Chipembi Girl's School is the oldest girls' boarding school in Zambia and was founded by British missionaries in 1926 in order to help girls as education had favoured boys up until then. In 1978 it was left in the hands of the United Church of Zambia. It became more and more difficult to run the school which had been used to donations - there were 750 girls to be cared for and fed who were in school for three months at a time.

In 1998, the headmaster, Denny, came to Edinburgh to do a Masters in Management and linked up to South Leith Church. When asked "What can we do for Chipembi School?" Denny came up with a development plan for making Chipembi a model school. He approached Albert, an agriculturist, who drew up a proposal for the school to become self sufficient in food – 75% of the budget goes on feeding the girls.

Albert has been deputy and then headmaster for many years and his drive and vision have helped make the school into a model that others now aspire to. Over the years, the Dundonald Birthday Scheme has helped fund a number of projects (including a Boran bull!) and recently has sponsored the school fees for Mercy whose father died suddenly.

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[2017/18 Update - Awards, Borans and Mercy!](#)

[2014 Background and Kitchen facilities](#)

