

Annastazia Chisenga



Dental Surgery (BDS)

Prior to the start of the dental surgery course in 2019, there were just 36 registered dentists throughout Malawi, a country of 19 million people. There are now more trainee dentists in Malawi than qualified dentists, representing great hope for rectifying this situation and building capacity for oral health services.

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for supporting *Annastazia* with her education to become a dentist!



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Background

Annastazia lives in a large extended family in Malawi in the northern region of Malawi. She is the second born in a family of 5 siblings. Her parents are also responsible for 5 younger cousins. This creates a significant strain on family finances. Her parents manage a small-scale business running a small restaurant. Her mum has encountered some problems with her health which is putting the business at risk.

School

In Malawi, primary education is free and lasts 8 years. Secondary education lasts 4 years and is not free. **Annastazia** did her MSCE in 2017 and achieved 18 points. However, she had the ambition of becoming a dentist so went back to school to repeat her MSCE. She subsequently achieved **12 points**. *She is very determined to achieve her dream!* In Malawi, student points are calculated by adding the 6 highest subject points together. The better you do, the lower the score; 1-2 points = distinction; 3-4 points = credit; 5-6 points = pass. **Annastazia** did extremely well to achieve **12 points!**

Why Dental Surgery?

"I really want to treat my people. Most people think it's just about teeth. I realized that people really need us, there are so few dentists in Malawi. My country needs me. I am thinking about specializing in maxillary facial surgery."

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- Provide twice-yearly stationery and living allowances
- Provide textbooks and medical equipment
- Provide a laptop
- Graduated students provide mentorship support