



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.

- Guarantee tuition fee support until graduation
- Provide twice-yearly stationery and living allowances
- Provide textbooks, equipment & laptop
- Graduated students provide mentorship support



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Richard Longwe

Background

Richard is from the northern region of Malawi. He is from a large family. He has 7 siblings and the family also take care of 4 cousins following the death of their parents. Richard is the second born. His parents are subsistence farmers. He is the first in his family and community to finish school and attend college.

School

In Malawi, primary education is free and lasts 8 years. Secondary education lasts 4 years and is not free. **Richard** attended a mission secondary school. He was often “chased” from classes due to fee balances. He was able to continue learning due to the support of his headteacher. He still has a fee balance to pay at secondary school and will be required to pay this to obtain his school leaving certificate. Despite all these challenges he achieved **11 points** in the Malawi School Certificate (MSCE). 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. **Richard** did extremely well to achieve **11 points!**

“In Malawi we have few health

Why Dental Surgery?

workers especially dental surgeons, looking at how people from my home village and other communities in Malawi are suffering to access health services because of lack of adequate personnel, I thought it wise that if I can be part of the team and help these patients to improve their daily life would be a good achievement for me.”

THANK YOU for supporting *Richard* with his education to become a dentist!