

# Hilario Gandala



Dental Surgery

**Zikomo!**  
for supporting Hilario through his education as a dentist!

*"From my earliest memories, life was never easy, but the love and strength of my mother gave me courage me to face the many challenges we encountered. Like many developing countries, Malawi faces a shortage of dental professionals.*

*This gap leaves many people suffering silently from preventable oral health problems. I want to be part of the solution. Without sponsorship, I risk missing out on a chance to fulfill not only my personal dreams but also to make a meaningful contribution to society. My long-term goal is to become a qualified dental surgeon, specializing in community-based oral health services. This scholarship helps me to meet the financial demands of my studies and allows me to focus fully on my training without the fear of lack of resources."*



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## Family circumstances

Hilario is

the 3<sup>rd</sup> born child in a family of 5 children. He was brought up in Salima in the central region of Malawi by a single mother after his parents divorced. His mother sells madasi (doughnuts) earning a modest salary. Hilario is the first in his family to attend university.

## Education

Hilario attended a community day secondary school in Malawi and achieved **11 points** in his Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE). 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. Hilario did extremely well to achieve **11 points!** Unfortunately, he faced many challenges in his education, including missing classes due to unpaid fees.

**There are just 49 registered dentists in Malawi. In the UK there are a total of 46,000.**



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