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## UPDATE

In 2024 the school underwent a Ministry of Education inspection and are now making several changes to ensure that they continue to comply with the current legislation. This requires a strong local leadership, and we are working closely with Maureen to support her through this, particularly as this will involve some staff restructuring as a direct result of the schools expansion and success. The school reopened after the Christmas break on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

October 2024 – The school had experienced a *whirlwind* (their language) which had caused a fair amount of damage. They lost some of the corrugated roof panels, there were broken windows and furniture. Thankfully the school had already closed for the day and so no-one was injured during this incident.

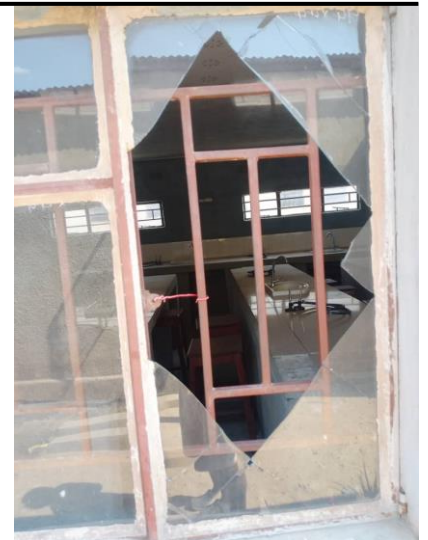
Understandably Maureen was broken-hearted and felt it was just one more thing they were having to deal with in addition to the constant power cuts they were experiencing caused by the severe droughts leading to insufficient electricity supplies.

See a link to BBC news for more information on the power cuts.

<https://bbc.com/news/articles/cx2krr137x9o>

Thanks to your amazing response to our appeal, Maureen was more than able to cover the costs of repairs and replace the damaged furniture.

Photos of damage:





Photos of repaired windows, roof, new desks and new chairs



In 2024 I was invited to the Boys and Girls Association, based in St Lukes church, Barton Hill to give a presentation on the School4Kids programme as they wanted to raise some funds for this by making and selling Christmas cards. It was agreed that Michelle and I would go and do the presentation to a group of around 10 children and 4 adults. All went well and we left them to their fund-raising activities. In December I received a message that they had raised some money to give to the school, it was the pleasure to receive a total of £391.11 which is an amazing amount.



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Each year we receive a short report from Maureen describing the progress the school has made. Here is an extract from her 2024 report:

2024 was such a amazing year full of blessings and a few challenges but with God and of course the help from our partners we pulled through. Your financial support, love, care and spiritual has always been overwhelming and so encouraging. My family at Path of Life Ministries and Beacon of Power Academy will forever be grateful to you our sponsors.

Everyday of our lives you have always demonstrated love and care so that we have that we have food on our table, shelter, water etc. and more importantly, education that has brought light to a number of children that are supported in this programme. This always makes me believe in God because I have seen him in you and tasted his goodness through you. All I can say is thank you.

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Currently there are 7 classes and a total of 210 children.

In April we are sending out a team to visit Maureen and the school, spending time with the children and staff, and distributing sacks of mealie meal to the families - see appeals below..

### **Appeals**

We have received a request for any old laptops that we could take out to the school. It is important that the battery still works so that these laptops can be used during the frequent power cuts. If you able to help with this, please let us know before the end of March.

As in previous visits we are hoping to be able to bless the families that have children attending the school with a 25kg bag of mealie meal, so we are asking for donations towards this. If you are willing and able to donate to this please can payments go into the church bank account with a reference Mealie meal 25 so that we can identify it. If you wish to pay by cash see me and I will arrange for it to be paid into the bank. Due to time constates on this we need to have collected any gifts NO LATER THAN Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. This allows time to get authorisation and send payment out to Maureen in advance of the trip, so that it can delivered to her in time for our visit.

A bag of mealie meal costs 400 kwacha and we need to purchase 185 bags. There is an additional cost for transporting the bags of mealie meal to the school. With current exchange rates, we are looking to raise around £2200.

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We hope this short update has been of intertest. **Thank you from everyone at**  
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