

## **Malawi – Orphan Care Project**

### Highlights:

215 vulnerable children under five years of age from 4 villages are receiving help in this program. This is an increase from 2006 when only 40 children were helped.

The children are currently meeting under a tree but will soon move into a classroom when construction is completed. They receive Energy Protein Supplementary feeding on a daily basis when their caregivers bring them.

The children also receive training at the nursery school. The 6 volunteers have now received training in early childhood development and have improved in their teaching abilities. While at the school their caretakers can also have learning opportunities as they participate in domestic and community development activities.

The village heads offered 4 acres of land to the project that was used for planting maize, cassava and groundnuts (peanuts). The crops did not do as well as expected this year due to a dry spell that hit the area. The exception was cassava, a drought resistant crop, which is doing well.

The children are no longer known as street kids who roam around begging. They are well cared for and spiritually instructed. They know God loves them and has purposes for them through Jesus Christ.