

Forres Welcomes The Kerusso Trust and Malawian Partner

By Heather Prentice

As part of their six week England and Scotland tour, The Kerusso Trust, partnered with J-Life Malawi visited Forres and the Moray area. The Kerusso Trust, a Scotland based charity, was represented by Dr Jonathan Groves who travels to Malawi around four times a year in order to educate ministers in some of the most deprived towns. They are part of a partnership with the Malawi based charity J-Life Malawi which aims to raise education standards and equip church pastors with the right set of skills.

Visiting from Malawi is Rev. Connex Ijalasi who is representing J-Life on the tour. Having recently experienced the devastating Malawi floods, Connex has come to Scotland in order to raise awareness of the issues in his country and how we can help. Being in Malawi at the time of the floods, Connex was able to communicate the needs of the Malawian people to The Kerusso Trust and to provide immediate support. Connex and Dr Jonathan were successful in getting 400 people back into their homes with only £2500 of donations.

On their trip to Forres, Connex and Dr Jonathan will be visiting the Lighthouse Baptist Church as well as attending Forres Academy's Malawi Day. Extremely impressed with the work of the Forres Academy FLAG Malawi Group, Connex said, "I heard about the group and think it's great what they are doing! We have connections in Luchenza and will make sure to visit Forres Academy's school"

We hope to hear more of the Kerusso Trust's work. Along with the school FLAG Group we hope to succeed in continuing to raise funds for our friends in Malawi.