

Comboni Technical Centre Lunzu

The Craft Training Centre based in Lunzu Southern Malawi is a Technical School created, developed, organised and managed by Comboni Missionaries. The Principle is Brother Gilbert Petersen who in collaboration with local staff runs the centre with great success and efficiency. CTC is a non



Redson Ndala ~ Sheet metal work
Chiringa - Philombe

profitable organisation, which works towards building a better future for the youth of Malawi, offering them training in technical and human skills. The Nchima Trust has funded students at CTC for many years now and have seen many students leave CTC with a qualification they would have been unable to get any where else. Each student leaving CTC will have benefited from two years formal training in carpentry & joinery or metal work & electrical skills leading to government trade tests certificates. The human formation side of the course covers topics such as self-knowledge, group dynamics, civil education, human rights, Education in Democracy and ethics of work.



Sheet metal workshop

Without Br. Gilbert and his staff many of the students leaving CTC would have gone through life with no qualification at all.

In 2005 Br. Gilbert came to us with a proposal for a Job Creation Project through a micro credit

enterprise thus enabling students to earn a living, sustain their families and contribute to the development of their country. To attain this objective the administration of CTC set up the project by establishing small workshops run by students in different parts of the country. To put this project in operation Bro. Gilbert needed £2500 which the Trust donated. Students put forward for consideration are allowed a loan determined by the costs of the tools they will need to set up in business it can range from £290.00 for Redson Ndala to set up a Metal Work Shop in

Chiringa, Phalombe to £250 for Alex Chakhumata & Moses Ndalapa to set up a Carpentry Workshop in Nchalo, Chikwawa. These are just two of the new start up loans. Br. Gilbert reports that he now has five students in the job creation programme. All are doing well and managing to earn a living, support their families and re pay their start up loans. Generated funds from loan repayments go to more start up workshops. This is a huge success story for Br. Gilbert, CTC staff and Nchima Trust. Currently, there is also a request for a Catholic married couple of teachers to join the project on a three-year contract: a separate house has been already built for them.



The workshop also provides employment for others



Alex Chakhumata
Carpentry Workshop
Nchalo Chikwawa



Moses Ndalapa
Carpentry Workshop
Nchalo Chikwawa

We take this opportunity to wish you all students and teachers a Happy Easter and we will keep you always in our prayers. Thank you to all who have in one way or another kept in touch with us; we hope to hear again from you again very soon.

Fr. Donato Goffredo & Sr. Aurora Salgado