



## Vocational Training Update

April 2026

### Join us in celebrating with our Vocational Training Students!



It has been a busy year so far for our Education team, especially in the Vocational Training area. As a partner and supporter of the Vocational Training program, we wanted to share an update with you. We see God's hand on this ministry and these students, and give Him all the praise and honor for the work being done.

You might remember from our last update, we graduated 15 students (3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort) last year during one of our summer teams. After the graduation ceremony, the students still needed to do internships. So while we were starting our next cohort of students, the former class was going out into the working world and shadowing skilled craftsmen to learn more about the trade they had been taught in the classroom. As their internships came to an end, it was almost time to receive their new tools and be launched out of the Passion Center program. And an exciting part to the story...while they were doing internships, the new students were learning the basics of their trades, and the carpentry students were given hands-on projects right away.



These students, with the guidance of their instructor, constructed 8 new wooden toolboxes to hold the tools the recently-graduated class would be receiving. Passion Kids helping other Passion Kids who in turn will help the next generation of Passion Kids! Those students also made some wooden parallel bars for our Champs to use as they do their Physical Therapy at the Champs Club.

So sweet! A full circle moment!

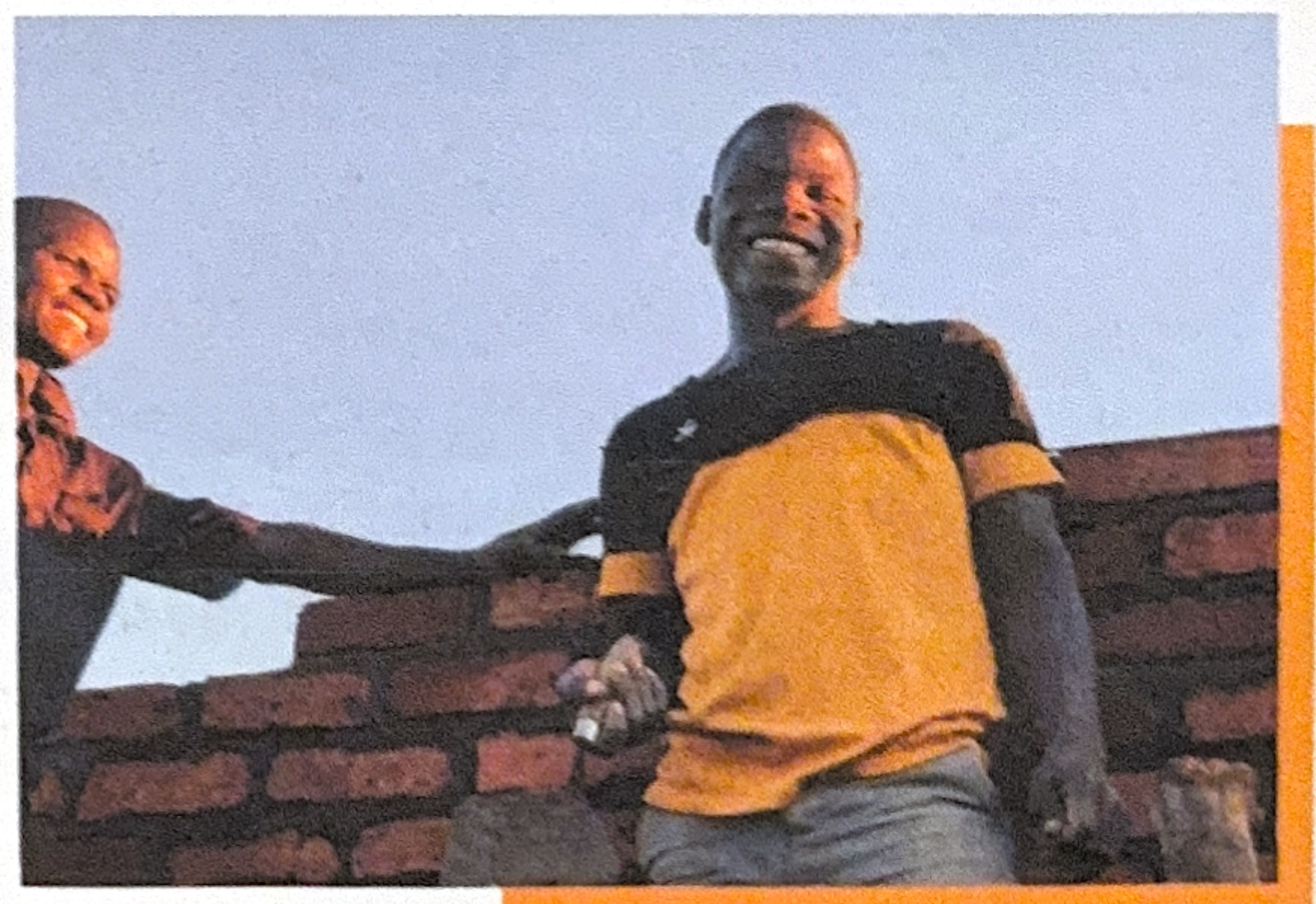
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In March of this year, we graduated 27 students (4<sup>th</sup> Cohort) from our Vocational Training Center. This was the first time we opened the Vocational program up to youth and young adults at our churches. Because of this, more young men and women who have similar stories to those of our Passion Kids were given an opportunity to learn a skill that will carry them through their life. Every one of them were unable to finish school for reasons most often out of their control.

After graduation, the students still had to complete their internships, so recently, our team caught up with the students in the field. They are all doing great! We have one highlight we wanted to share with you. Umali came to the Passion Center from a district outside of Zomba. He is the oldest of 6 kids who were being raised by their frail grandmother after the death of their mother when the youngest was 6 months old. The youngest came into our Chikondi Infant home when he was 2, the next three oldest kids (ages 4-9) came to live at our Residency, and the two oldest remained in the village. The oldest two had not been in school for years, so starting over at their age wasn't an option. But God...God had plans to rescue them from the village and give them a new start. They joined our Vocational Training class last year, learning skills that would help them support themselves and their family. They are 16 & 18 years old, so they too came to live at the Residency with their siblings. Through the morning devotions with their peers and hearing the truth of the gospel at Mulunguzi Community Church (MCC) on Sundays, they both gave their lives to Christ. This is a huge praise, and we celebrate with the angels in heaven over their salvation. They were raised Muslim. They were baptized at MCC late last year and are part of the youth choir at church. For his internship, Umali is working alongside one of our Passion Center-hired contractors, helping build a new house. The best part about this is that the house is being built for Umali and his 5 younger siblings. The house they lived in with their granny had collapsed with the rains, and they had no home to go back to. But again, with God's perfect timing, this family has Hope. And while he is receiving hands-on skills that will carry him far, he is investing in the home that they'll live in for years to come. Through the Vocational Training Center, young men and women are being empowered to take an active role in their own lives and communities, all while hearing that God loves them and has not forgotten them!



*\*We thank you for your prayers and support! All glory to God for the great things He is doing!\**