

Home Based Care Visits : by Marg Bowra

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Today we were warmly welcomed at Faith Trust, a Community Based Organization (CBO) where we were entertained by about twenty women dancers.

Several began painting the office in the new child care centre. Libby worked with local women to cook our lunch. Kristin and Chuck assisted with the sanitation program while Ruth Lynn and Gordon walked with Roderick about 1 ½ miles on a rocky path to participate in a home care visit. (**See Ruth Lynn's contribution at the end of my blog)

Sandy from Dignitas drove Bev and me with Mary to conduct 4 home visits. Each patient met us on their shaded porch along with a care giver and several curious children. It is impossible to describe the emotions we felt as we observed each of these 4 very ill women who were so glad to see us arrive to provide medical aid and support. Patients seemed to appreciate that visitors showed concern for them which dispelled our fears that we were invading their privacy as they consulted with Mary and Sandy. The hugs we received from care givers and "high 5's" from the children was heart wrenching as we left each of the homes of these women, three of whom were HIV positive and one ill with cancer.



Since May 1st is a public holiday, our team is off to Lake Malawi for the weekend at Cape Mac Lodge for some R & R. No painting required!