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Zikomo before surgery

### Did you know?

**5 billion people in the world do not have access to safe, affordable surgery and anaesthesia when it's needed. Access is worst in low-income and lower-middle-income countries, where nine out of ten people cannot access basic surgical care.**

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It can be hard to picture 5 billion people. After all, that's the majority of the world's population. But at CURE Malawi, it's easy to picture one little boy — one boy who was born with a congenital condition, that although treatable, because of a lack of access to care, turned into a debilitating disability. Meet Zikomo...

Zikomo is ten years old and had bilateral clubfoot, a condition he had since birth. Having a disability has been a burden for both him and his mother, Loveness.

When Zikomo was born, Loveness was determined to get him treated. She took her son to their local hospital, where she was told she would need to bring Zikomo back once a week for treatment. Despite this being their nearest hospital, Loveness did not have enough money for transport or to pay for his treatment. She simply could not manage it, and with financial

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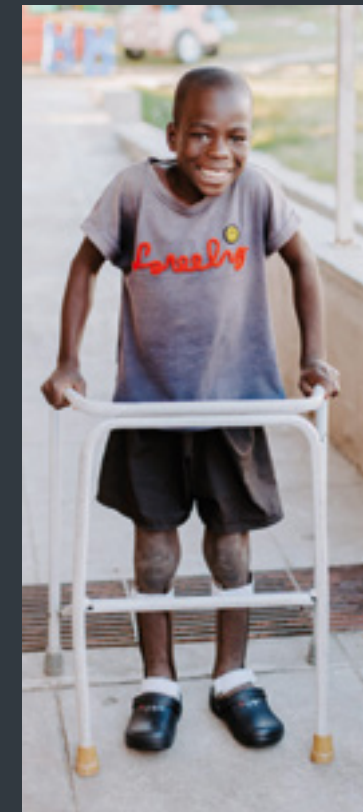


Zikomo arriving at CURE for physical therapy

problems piling up, Loveness gave up hope for her son's treatment and had to keep him at home. As Zikomo grew, his condition worsened and his life became very tough. Having untreated clubfoot made him very shy, and he just wished he could play football with the other children at school. Zikomo's life has been heartbreaking for Loveness to witness, and knowing she could never afford to get her son treated left her feeling guilty and worried for his future.

That was until a local doctor sent word to Loveness that a hospital based in Blantyre were hosting a mobile clinic close to where they lived. Without hesitation, Loveness brought Zikomo straight to the clinic. There, he was seen to by our doctors, and booked in to receive the free life-changing treatment he needed at CURE Malawi.

From that moment Loveness rekindled hope for her son's healing. Receiving treatment at CURE meant she didn't have to worry about the constant costs for transport, food supplies, and other necessities. Now, Zikomo's future has completely changed. He is yet another special child to walk out of the doors of CURE, ready to lead a life free from disability.



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**Merry Christmas from everyone at CURE UK!**

## Give the gift of Healing!

This Christmas, why not give the gift of healing, and transform a child's life forever...

### **£15**

Provides a child with outpatient medical care, diagnostics and physiotherapy.

### **£100**

Provides a walking frame for a child recovering from life-changing surgery.

### **£800**

Covers the cost of one operation, transforming the life of a child like Zikomo for good.

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**From all the children at CURE,  
thank you and Merry Christmas!**

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