



# Kathryn Quincey, Malawi

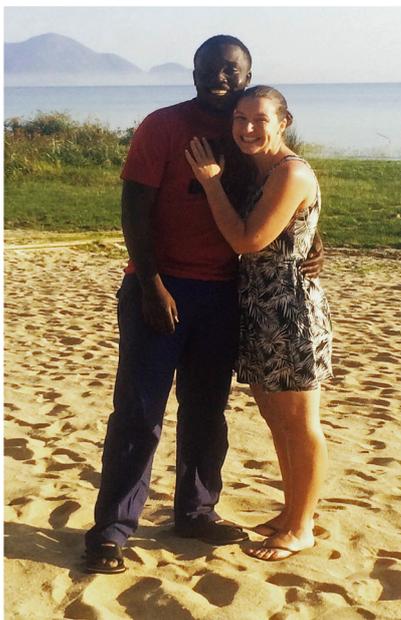
## Lilongwe Lowdown - Winter 2017

My update this time takes a slightly different turn. This story begins many years ago when, as a young teenager desperately wanting a boyfriend but always given that very special title of "boys best friend", I wondered if I would ever find anyone who would love me enough to actually marry me. For 34 years it seemed I wouldn't.

I remember one particularly evening when I was upset that everyone else had boyfriends, Mum suggested I pray for "my future husband" and not for a boyfriend. She said to pray that wherever he is and whatever he is facing, God will prepare his heart and love language for mine.

It would have been around the same time that a young boy in Malawi tragically lost both his parents. Deserted by Aunts and Uncles, he and his siblings struggled to survive every day. But with a good brain in his head that helped him to get a scholarship, and a passion and talent for football, which enabled him to pay school fees for his brothers, they made it out of the wilderness. All of this made his heart tough and strong, gentle and compassionate - all at the same time.

Years later, through mutual friends, this Malawi football star who worked his way up from nothing, met this Lincolnshire lass whose heart felt most full when in Africa. Fast forward to the 22nd July 2017 on the shore of Lake Malawi and Lameck Kachimanga asked me to marry him. I said yes!



All those years of praying and crying out to God, asking why he had forgotten me, and finally my prayer was answered. The path had already been laid out, known only by our loving father. These two souls needed a lot of time apart before they were ready for each other!

We will be getting married in Malawi on December 30th 2017 and having a family celebration at Easter in Scampton Church, England.



*Love people - love life*

Lameck recently retired from professional football and is hoping to start a business in sports equipment and farming. Sadly, football stars aren't paid even a fraction of what we're used to in the UK and, although Lameck is dedicated and hardworking, it will take a while for his business to grow.



Your support is still very much needed for my work to carry on here in Malawi. This enables me to take a much reduced wage at the school and offer special educational needs teaching to those children who otherwise would not be able to afford any kind of help.



The last two weeks have been busy preparing for the start of a new term on 11th September and I have done a number of new student assessments over the holidays. I'm so excited that our reputation has spread in the city and God is opening many doors; we closed last term with 15 pupils and will open with 23! We have also been able to employ a new teacher, taking our team up to five, which enables us to offer help to so many more people!

Our department has expanded to include a 16+ vocational training programme. Pupils will be given opportunities to learn kitchen skills, office filing, attend gardening programmes, as well as to attend placements working with younger children in the nursery! We are hoping to find funding for other recreational activities such as, hair and beauty, debates, sports and video games, and we would like to create a small kitchen area where pupils can make their own snacks and coffee.



Well, before my battery dies I will sign off. Thank you very much, truly, for your ongoing support and love.

I appreciate each of you.

The future Kathryn Kachimanga!



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