



Team Details:

Team Name: Young Warriors FC

Years as a Team: Two

Village: Thoni

Largest Needs:

- Soccer equipment
- School fees
- School supplies

Coach's Name: Francis Banda

Age: u14

Dreams and Ambitions:

- To be a changed generation and group of leaders who will bring change to generations to come in their communities
- To become leaders of a corruption free society
- To become professional soccer players both in Malawi and beyond
- To bring prosperity into their village

Roster:

- Thandi
- Muliko
- Frank
- Sydney
- Trevor
- Aiddi
- Happy
- Isaac
- Kelvin
- Isak
- Junior K
- Precious
- Chancy
- Amon

Team Biography

This team was the pioneer club that was used to create all the other clubs. It was established at a time when the team had no ball, so they used "chikwatu", a local-made ball, to play games with their friends, particularly from the Kambewa and Kamwesta villages.

Last season, Young Warriors FC came second in the youth league. The boys on this team have potential to become reputable professionals.

Opportunities for athletes through participation on the team

Learn life skills such as:

- Conservational farming to protect soil and improve crop production
- Stove building to support tree conservation
- Tree planting
- Agroforestry and nutritional programs
- Literacy, research, and educational programs in the community library to give youth an integrated after school curriculum to motivate them to develop vision for their lives
- Leadership discipleship

Typical day in the life of an athlete

If still in school, the athlete would go to school at six in the morning, most walking a significant distance to get to their school.

If he is a school dropout, he accompanies his parents to the fields for half the day. Those who drink would likely spend the entire day at the shabeen.

Cultural Information

The culture is characterized by hundreds of encouraged pre-marital pregnancies, since pregnancy is proof of fertility. In this culture, marriages are generally for child production.

This has resulted in massive numbers of early teenage child bearing which contributes greatly to the premature school dropout rate.

Naturally, alcohol and drug abuse are a large part of the teenage lifestyle.

These young men are living in communities that are lacking in solid, virtuous role models.

Geographical Information

Young Warriors FC is from the Kasinje Plains.

There is a seasonal flowing river on the north and to the south east, it is very hilly terrain.

The road to the village is rugged and difficult to use and neglected regarding maintenance work.