

## Madziabango Church and School

Our link with the church in Madziabango began in 2010 when we worked at the local school there. We helped some local church members with the initial work of digging out foundations and when we returned Ballygilbert church decided, that in conjunction with the refurbishment of our church premises, we would support the work of building this new church.

Over the next four years due to **your** regular, generous giving to this project we were able to supply the finance as and when necessary to complete this building. The project was often delayed and prolonged because of lack of the correct materials, the inability to transport materials because there was no fuel available in the area and the fact that all the work was being done by local church members. But as we have often seen the Malawi people are very resilient very determined and very dependent on God and in 2014 it was our privilege to return to Malawi to assist in the preparation for, and participation in, the official opening of the church.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 a 3 hour service saw the Church officially opened and completed this successful project for both Madziabango and Ballygilbert. A Banner from our church was presented to celebrate the occasion and now hangs proudly at the front of the new building as of course does their banner from the Blantyre synod hang in our church to continually remind us of our Malawi church family.

We in the mission group say thank you to you for your contributions to this work and we know the people of Madziabango will be eternally grateful that this congregation saw it as a privilege and an opportunity to go into partnership with God in providing for others.

Our link with the school will continue with the “containers for Malawi” scheme organised by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland