

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS 



**MEMORY'S
STORY**

MALAWI

PRIMARY (F TO 2)

PHOTO STORYBOOK

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What would you like to do when you finish school? Do you have a dream job in mind?

This is Memory's story.



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi, far away from big cities or towns.



Memory's parents are farmers and were only able to grow enough food to feed their family.



Many people in Malawi live in poverty. Poverty means not having the things you need for a good life, like money for food, medicine and school.

“Growing up in the village was not easy. Sometimes we need to bathe without soap. Sometimes we need to walk without shoes.”

Memory





As the oldest child in her family, Memory took on many chores to help her parents such as farming, carrying water, cooking and cleaning.



Her parents found it hard to pay for Memory to go to school and Memory often had to walk to school without shoes.

“But I told myself I can’t stop going to school because this is the only way I can get a better life.”

Memory





With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner in Malawi, Memory completed a three-year carpentry course.



She learnt to make doors, furniture, fix roofs and other woodworking skills.



Memory worked really hard and became the first female carpenter from her village!

**“In my community,
most people think that
only men can be
carpenters, so I want to
prove to my community
that women can do it
as well.”**

Memory





Memory now has a job at a water power company. She gives some of the money she earns to her parents to help support her family.



In the future, Memory wants to build a house for her parents and open her own workshop so she can give other members of her village a job too!



The program has also helped Memory's family and other families in the community.



As members of the village savings group, Memory's parents received a goat.



The community has learnt bee keeping. They sell the honey to buy other things they need and have learnt to take good care of the bees and the environment.



And, the community has learnt new farming skills so they can grow more food to eat and sell.



The money you donate to Project Compassion helps communities like Memory's to have what they need to live a better life.

QUESTIONS

1. What made life hard for Memory?
2. How has Memory improved her life and that of her family and community?
3. How did Caritas Australia help?
4. How is Memory supporting (or planning to support) future generations?
5. How will you share Memory's story with others?