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Thank you Nicholas!

FRIENDS of the Nachingwea Link were saddened to hear of the death of

Nicholas Galahenga, a long-time member of the Nachingwea Link committee We remember him with great gratitude. Trish, Clare Arnold and Sue, Matthew and Annabelle Ray well remember his kindness and wisdom during their visit led by Rev Frank Fisher.

Liz Megson was lucky enough to meet him when she visited Nachingwea in 2013. She writes: "He was wise, thoughtful and knowledgeable about mining and



Nicholas at the Brickworks in 2013

building projects. He had an innate understanding of practical matters. I particularly remember when we visited a nearby town (about 30 miles away from a main road) and we went to a brickworks (see photo). He was really angry to see children working there, and he had a heated discussion with the



Nicholas dancing with Siamini, the Special Needs teacher, 2016



Members of the Nachingwea Link committee with Steve Jones during the 2016 visit



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owner, telling him child labour was illegal. He stressed that the children needed to be in school to have a better future."

Bill French writes: "When Steve (Jones) and I visited in 2016 Nicholas and Obed (Chair of the committee at the time) made a wonderful double act! Nicholas kept his hand on the tiller and ensured that things went as well as possible. He was clearly very well respected by the people we met. I know he will be sorely missed by his friends and his community."



The nearer one is Obed, with Nicholas in the grey shirt



Members of the Nachingwea Link committee with Steve Jones during the 2016 visit

You will be pleased to hear that Rob and Liz had a very busy, useful and enjoyable visit to Nachingwea, meeting Obed, Father Phares, Kevin, the present chair, and his family and many others. They attended the church service which lasted three and a half hours but 'went in a flash'. Their final WhatsApp reads: "Busy, busy, busy! Had fantastic time and learnt a lot in Nachingwea with Kevin et al. Too much to say in a message. Internet intermittent."

We look forward to sharing their news in future editions.

Do join us for our Christmas Tea on Sunday 30 November from 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. There will be marmalade, jam and chutney for sale, plus jewellery and Christmas trinkets as well as a delicious tea and a chance to catch up with friends. We look forward to seeing you there. **The St Andrew's Stapleford Link Committee**



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