

Open Door Missions, Inc.

is a Southern Baptist Ministry Outreach

“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name”. Revelation 3:8

Malawi



Malawi's nickname is the “Warm Heart of Africa,” thanks to the friendly people who call Malawi home!

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeastern Africa, defined by its topography of highlands

split by the Great Rift Valley and enormous Lake Malawi.



Is Malawi a poor country?

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world with 50.7 percent of the population living below the poverty line and 25 percent living in extreme poverty—the majority of the rural people are poor.

Why is Malawi so poor?

Malawi has a population of 19,129,952 million people (World Population View), and 74 percent live below the income poverty line of \$1.90 per day. Causes of poverty in Malawi include problems with the agricultural sector and diseases. Lower crop outputs are common in subsequent farming seasons after a drought.

The Nsanje District in southern Malawi has widespread hunger and starvation, especially among young orphan children.

Malawi has a young population: 66 percent of its 17 million people are under age 25; 53 percent are 18 and younger, 16.7 percent of children under 18 are Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). Nearly one million OVC have lost one or both parents to AIDS. According to UNICEF, 20 percent of Malawian households are looking after OVC, and many of these households are headed by girls, women, and elderly women. Most lack the means to provide their family members with basic necessities. OVC very often lack parental care and proper nutrition, have inadequate shelter and limited access to education and healthcare, and are at an increased risk of exploitation and abuse (USAID).

Lack of Adult Supervision

Most orphans do not receive the benefit of adult supervision and guidance. Many have to fend for themselves or work menial jobs to earn a meal for the day.

Malnutrition

A nutritious meal is a luxury for most orphans. Nearly 50% of children under 5 years of age have stunted development. More than 6 out of 10 children are estimated to be anemic.

Lack of Education

Only 6% of orphans receive educational support. Almost 30% of poor children fail to start primary school, which is free in Malawi.

Disease

7 out of 10 child deaths in Malawi are due to preventable causes such as malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia, anemia, malnutrition and neonatal causes. Only 6% of orphans receive any type of medical support.

Dzaleka Refugee Camp



Despite being a poor nation, Malawi currently hosts close to 40,000 refugees. Most refugees come from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Somalia.

The largest refugee camp in Malawi is Dzaleka located in Dowa District, approximately 31 miles from Lilongwe, the capital city. Dzaleka was established by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1994 in response to a surge of forcibly displaced people fleeing genocide, violence and wars in Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic Congo. Prior to becoming a refugee camp, the Dzaleka facility had served as a political prison incarcerating up to 6,000 inmates.



Malawi's policies regulating the movement and the right to employment of refugees make opportunities to earn a living outside the camp very limited. Therefore, the majority of refugees are completely reliant on food, aid and other external assistance for survival. This is a difficult environment. The Malawi Police Service reports an increase in sexual assault and





theft due to congestion and cuts in food rations.

Pastor's Conferences



The most important and the highest priority for Malawi is to bring the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ! There is no end in telling Malawians about His plan of salvation Jesus gave us! We must



continue to spread His Word!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

Pastor's Conferences have been conducted throughout Malawi. Pastors were trained on various topics including pastoring their churches, finances, accountability and caring for their families, to mention a few.



Preaching His Word

Traveling throughout Malawi and Mozambique, His word was preached!

“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” Mark 16:15

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.” 2 Timothy 4:2a



Evangelism

In 2018, Open Door Missions donated two solar power projectors, one to

Pastor Peter Fungulani, Maranatha Pentecost Church in Nsanje and the other one was donated to Pastor Munfano Desire, Integrity Family Church, Dzaleka Refugee Camp. The “Jesus Film” is played for the people in the villages and camp up to 3 times a week. Hundreds of people watch this movie each time it is shown! This was a huge outreach success! Our Lord’s Good News of



salvation is delivered to villages throughout Malawi, including Mzuzu Prison. Also, bibles were distributed in Chichewa, the language of Malawi and Swahili, the prominent language in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp.

“But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry”. 2 Timothy 4:5

Education

Malawi has been ranked as one of the lowest-performing nations for literacy in sub-Saharan Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and education is proven as one of the critical pathways to improving living conditions in the country. In Malawi, the educational quality has decreased due to weak infrastructure, poor hygiene and low teaching quality. There is an average of 111 students per classroom.

The Mguda F.P. School in Nsanje.



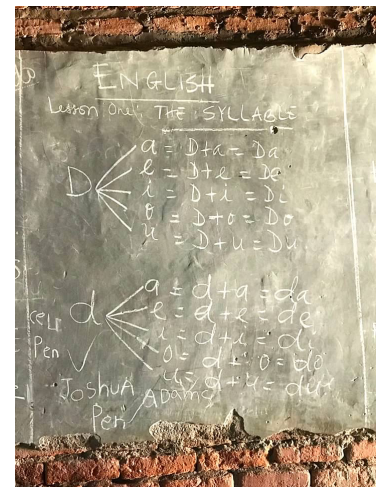
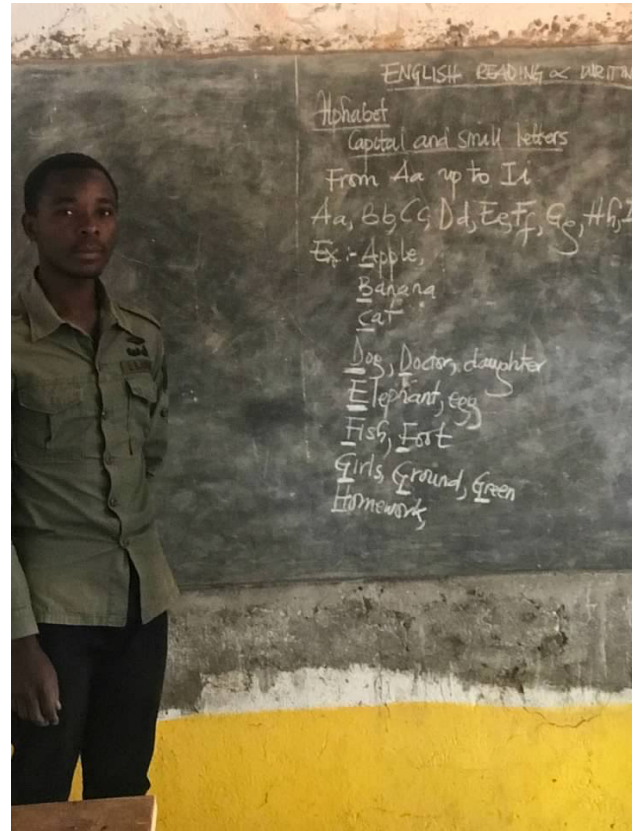
Dzaleka school and building a new classroom!

The Integrity Responsibility School, Dzaleka Refugee Camp was started by Pastor Munfano Desire, Integrity Family Church, Dzeleka Refugee Camp in 2014 with 25 students in one classroom. The school currently has 900 students.



The cost to educate one child is \$150.00 per year which includes the uniform, the school bag, notebooks and monthly contribution to the sustainability of the school. The cost to build and furnish one classroom is \$6,200.00. A teacher's salary is approximately \$1,000.00 per year.





Livestock Projects

The Goat Project was developed and established with 30 goats (10 goats each in the northern, central and southern districts). In a span of only three years, there are now over 1,000 goats in 50 different locations throughout Malawi!

In September 2019, 7 new livestock projects were planned, developed and established.

10 goat project in Nyamatchelenga, Mozambique.

5 goat project in Chididi, Malawi.

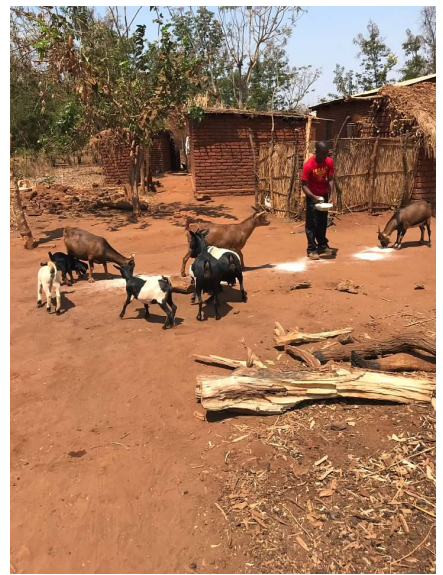
10 goat project in Nsanje, Malawi.

2 cow project in Nsanje, Malawi.

10 goat project in Nsanje, Malawi.

10 goat project in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp.

5 pig project in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp.



Future Ministries and Projects

- + Evangelize bringing our Lord's Good News of salvation to all people.
- + Pray for the people in Malawi and orphans.
- + Continue to work with pastors, their churches and build strong christian relationships with them.
- + Support Pastor Edington Seleman, Chitala Baptist Church, Salima.
- + Support Pastor Munfano Desire, Integrity Family Church, Dzeleka Refugee Camp.
- + Support The Integrity Responsibility School, Dzaleka Refugee Camp.
- + Support Pastor Peter Fungulani, Maranatha Pentecost Church in Nsanje.
- + Support The Mguda F.P. School in Nsanje.
- + Continue and expand the livestock project.
- +Support agriculture programs to feed the hungry in Nsanji and the Dzaleka Refugee Camp.
- + Purchase a Maize Mill and Grinding Mill in Nsanje and Salima. This will greatly provide milled maize to feed the children and orphans.

The work that was accomplished in Malawi and Mozambique has been a tremendous help to the people. The assistance has not only been financial, physical and providing livestock, but most importantly bringing the Good News of our Lord to all people. There is a tremendous amount of work that still needs to be done.

The great commission requires great action. What we do together can impact the lives and eternities of generations to come.

If you would like additional information and to learn more about the ministry work being accomplished in Malawi and future projects, please contact:

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Open Door Missions, Inc. is a 501c-3 non-profit organization that has accepted the task of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. We are currently involved in Mission Projects in the Ukraine, Malawi, Kenya and in New Mexico with the Navajo Nation. We are in the process of expanding our work into Zambia and have supported ministries in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

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