

PWNC DELEGATION TO MALAWI - APPLICATION FOR APRIL 2024 TRIP

It is exciting that you are considering going on the Malawi Mission Trip. The Presbytery has only visited our partners in Nkhoma, Malawi once since 2019, until our team went last year. We used to visit every year. A lot of the early feedback from our partners was the statement, "You care. You come back."

An important vision for this trip will be to continue to build/rebuild relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Nkhoma Hospital, Ebenezer School, the Synod, the Seminary, Men in the Mirror, and people working with hygiene pads. We hope to take and receive Christ's love, and bring it back home with us! We will worship, pray, laugh, and share with our friends in Christ.

We will learn about the changes since last year; experience and review the work of our Presbytery; learn about Malawi and from the people there. If team members have the expertise, we may evaluate and/or do maintenance work and share other skills to support our partners.

We will also have the opportunity to travel with the Mobile Health Unit, which will allow us to see the many people that have walked miles to receive health care for themselves and their children, and spend a day visiting one or more of the Health Centers/Rural Clinics. We will spend time at the Ebenezer School and meet with people from the Seminary and Synod. PWNC also supports the students at the Seminary and other ministries. Our Building H.O.P.E. funds support both the Mobile Health Unit, the Health Centers/Rural Clinics, the Hospital, and Ebenezer School.

Last year, two new projects were initiated. Men in the Mirror was started with two groups, pastors and then seminary graduates. The second project was providing reusable period pads for young girls so they could continue to attend school, and for women to enable them to have an easier life. We will be bringing more material to support this endeavor and have time to see how those projects are going.

Before we return, we will also visit a game park.

CURRENT PLANS AND DATES FOR THE MISSION TRIP:

Plans are being finalized. We currently anticipate going between April 9 and the end of May. The current plan is to leave on Tuesday, April 9, arriving on the 10. We plan to return on Wednesday the 24 and arrive home on the on the 25. We are checking on accommodations and activities in Nkhoma and will let you know as soon as this is finalized. If you are interested in going, please let us know. If you have conflict with that time, let us know that as well. (Contact the Presbytery office or Bobbi White, bobbwhite02@gmail.com).

COST:

The cost for the trip is \$3,000, excluding personal preparation expenses (passport, visa, immunizations, medicines, etc.). Some scholarship/financial aid is available. Often, your home congregation will help. Bobbi White will work with you on finances. Please make checks payable to PWNC. Once plane reservations are booked in your name, it is considered a commitment to pay and

participate in the trip. \$1,500 is due at the end of January, with the second payment of \$1,500 due March 1.

In Malawi, we plan to stay at a lodge and our breakfast and dinner will be cooked for us. The cost includes all meals, including those during travel.

WORK BEFORE LEAVING:

An information notebook will be supplied and there will be two meetings for orientation, planning, and getting acquainted. Getting to know each other in advance is good preparation for a 24-plus hour plane trip together and the teamwork needed in Malawi. As a group, we will look at the gifts we are bringing for ministry and teamwork. Some duties will be split up (like appointing a finance person), while other tasks like devotions, photography, etc. can be shared. We will also talk about ways to get our congregations involved.

In the two meetings, an important part of what is covered is looking at the culture, current ministry, plans for the trip, facilities, weather, clothing, etc. The history of our relationship with Malawi will be discussed, as well as specific ministries of WNC, and future ministry possibilities. Kevin Frederick will share about his new ministry, "Men in the Mirror," and how you may participate if desired. We will look at the logistics of taking "washable, reusable sanitary pads" for girls, as a way of keeping girls in school.

The Malawi Committee encourages you to get your church involved in supporting you and our mission so they too can see God at work and grow in faith. The committee hopes you will be willing to share your experiences about our mission in Malawi and support those raising money for the ministry.

2023 Malawi Mission Trip Application
April 9, 2024 - April 25, 2024 (TBC)

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

EXACT NAME ON PASSPORT: _____ *(The expiration date must be more than 6 months before you travel).*

What name do you prefer to be called? _____

PASSPORT NUMBER: _____ PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH (Needed to make plane reservations) _____

This is needed for the plane reservation. More information to follow.

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CONGREGATION _____ (If First Pres., please list city.)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND TEAM BUILDING (You may send separately.)

1. Why do you think this would be a good trip for you or that God might be calling you to go?

2. What are your hopes? Do you have special interests?

3. What gifts or experiences do you bring? (Examples: Music, IT, accounting, video expertise, teaching experience, construction, mission trip work, medical or school background, encouragement, cooking, joy, good organization, problem-solving, first-aid skills, others, etc.)

MEDICAL:

Shots and vaccinations needed two weeks before flying to Malawi: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Booster for Tetanus-Diphtheria, Measles, Polio, (Rabies, if in the countryside near dogs or wild animals.) Malaria prevention medicine will need to be taken during the trip.

We will monitor any special Covid requirements from the government of Malawi or USA. The capability of hospitals in Malawi is less than hospitals in the USA. We encourage people to take a covid vaccination and booster. More than a year ago, to enter Malawi, proof of Covid vaccinations was required. Please plan to take your Covid Vaccination Card as verification.

Covid Vaccination: Yes _____ No _____ Booster _____

Have you had Covid? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, approximate date of occurrence: _____

Any health problems, dietary restrictions, or other special considerations?

OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS: