

Malawi Mission Team
May 20-June 5, 2013

In years past, 10 or 11 people have travelled to Malawi. This year is the first time 17 people have come on the trip. However, the dynamic of the group still worked. There were many projects that needed to be accomplished while in Nkhoma. We had to paint a conference room, sort medicine at the pharmacy, help at Ebenezer school, and let's not forget the unplanned projects that came up--cleaning the records room in the hospital after it had flooded. Regardless of what happened, everyone was willing to pitch in without being asked. Nkhoma and Malawi have a way about bringing out the best in everyone.

Our time in Nkhoma is a time that everyone holds close to their heart. Friends are made and, many times, bonds are formed that are never broken. It doesn't matter the amount of time that goes in between visits, those friends are still there just waiting to greet you with a handshake and a very large and welcoming smile! Yes, like most mission trips, there are frustrating days where nothing that you set out to do gets accomplished or people do not show up, but always remember, when you are in Nkhoma, you run on "Malawi time!" Although, those days can be the most worthwhile. That is when you have the opportunity to meet new people and to, maybe, learn something new about yourself.

Overall, Malawi is a beautiful place to help other people. Nkhoma is a welcoming place with the people that are there to greet you and welcome you into the community. Everyone that travels to Malawi learns something about themselves and about the people they are traveling with. The experience that is gained here is one that will stay with you for the rest of your life and will constantly be there saying "Come back!" Nkhoma, Malawi makes an impression on your heart and it never disappears.