

JOIN US FOR 2026 EXCITING MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI

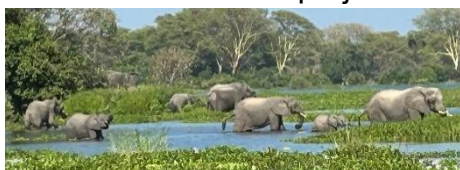
The Presbytery of WNC has a 21-year partnership with Nkhoma Synod in Malawi. Come and see. Come and experience God at work as we continue growing our relationships and partnership with our Malawian brothers and sisters. Come and experience this part of Africa and work together in mission as God keeps expanding our ministry there.

- Worship with fellow Christians, experiencing incredible joy and music.
- Visit with the children at Ebenezer School, a school that PWNC helped develop and continues to support. Experience their morning assembly, tour the school and classrooms, and talk with the children and teachers about their hopes and dreams.
- Visit 280-bed Nkhoma Hospital complex, a referral center for healthcare for about 500,000 people, which we have supported since 2004. Worship with the hospital staff Wednesday morning.
- Journey to remote areas with a mobile health unit to experience healthcare ministry to women and children, many who walked more than an hour to visit the mobile clinic.
- Meet the head Chaplain, learning about local chaplaincy work.
- Visit the University's first women's dorm that we helped build.
- Share meals and tea with Malawian friends, building friendships, learning about their lives, sharing stories of challenges and joys.
- Meet the current seminarians, whom we support. Visit a classroom, and celebrate with the graduates. PWNC provides Study Bibles to all the students, and clerical shirts and bikes to the graduates.
- Learn about "Men in the Mirror," a study for men that uses Jesus as the model for faith and relationships with others, particularly women and children. Hear from pastors how it has made a difference in their lives and their churches. This is a study designed by Kevin Frederick, a pastor in our Presbytery.



- Visit local schools to present washable, reusable hygiene pads to girls and teachers, and teach them about their use. Understand the impact that this has to keep girls in school and support women. The hygiene products are made by PWNC churches.

• Visit one of the eleven health centers to learn about the needs and to witness how they serve their communities. At Malingunde, see what it means to have upgraded water and sanitation systems, which provide potable water for patients and staff. This was a critical project of PWNC in 2024.



- Visit a game park overnight and go on Safari.
- Enjoy new friendships with the mission team and Malawians, surprises of good news. Deepen your faith as we explore together what it means to be one in faith, mission and service.

**PWNC DELEGATION TO MALAWI
APPLICATION FOR THE APRIL TRIP**

We are excited that you are considering going on the 2026 Malawi Mission Trip. It is a life changing experience with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is also a fun time; seeing new things, making new friends, and experiencing how God is at work in Malawi and in our lives.

Please free to call us to get more information or answer your questions.

CURRENT PLANS AND DATES:

Plans are in process. If you are considering going it is important to get started now with an application, as well as addressing passport and all medical and vaccination needs.

- Our plan is for the team to depart from Charlotte on Friday, 4/17 AM, arriving in Malawi on Saturday, 4/18, afternoon. Return trip will depart from Malawi on Friday 5/1, arriving in Charlotte on Saturday, 5/2 afternoon. The trip involves 16 days, with 4 of those as travel days (2 days each way). That gives us 12 complete days in Malawi. Please let us know if you have questions about the dates.
- If you are considering going, please contact us so we can answer any questions and talk with you about any specific interest you might have.
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For those planning to go, you will need to complete the application on the website or attached. Mail your application to: Presbytery of Western. WNC, 114 Silver Creek Road, Morganton, NC 28655 or email twilliams@presbyterywnc.org.

COST:

The cost for the trip is \$3,400 which includes airfare, transportation in Malawi, lodging, food, and the game park. It does not cover personal preparation expenses (passport, immunizations, medicines, etc.). Be sure to get immunizations early. In Malawi, we will be staying in one of the local lodges. Breakfast and dinner will be prepared for us. Lunches will be arranged based on daily schedules.

Some scholarship/financial assistance available. Often, your home congregation will help. Bobbi White will work with you on finances.

Please make checks payable to PWNC. Plane reservations will be made in January. Once plane reservations are booked in your name, it is considered a commitment to pay and participate in the trip. \$2,000 is due at the end of January, with the second payment of \$1,400 due March 1.

Preparation Before Departure:

Participants will receive an informational notebook, and two meetings will be held for orientation, planning, and team-building. These sessions will help you get acquainted with fellow travelers and prepare for the long journey and collaborative work in Malawi.



Malawi Partnership Report October 2025

Exciting and significant developments are underway in our ongoing partnership with Malawi. The following updates provide insight into the current events and initiatives taking place.

Please join us in prayer for the upcoming Synod's General Assembly, scheduled for October 12–16. During this critical gathering, new leadership will be elected, including the position of General Secretary. Our Presbytery has had the privilege of working closely with Rev. Vasco Kachipapa, the current General Secretary, for many years. His leadership, vision, and exemplary witness to Christ's love and grace have greatly impacted our partnership. Rev. Kachipapa visited us in 2024, and we have deep respect for his contributions. As his term concludes, we will miss collaborating with him, but we look forward to developing a relationship with the new General Secretary once appointed.

This year, Malawi experienced a severe drought, and the Synod has requested our prayers for those affected. Many families who typically harvest enough corn to sustain them throughout the year, purchase necessities such as sugar and salt, and cover school fees for their children, have been left with drastically reduced yields—some receiving only one or two bags of corn, while others have none. As a result, food insecurity is a pressing concern. In response, the Presbytery Hunger Committee has provided \$20,000 to Nkhoma hospital to support malnourished children and patients. The Malawi Leadership Team has also contributed an additional \$20,000 to the Synod to help prevent starvation in some of the most vulnerable villages.

Exciting news! The first women's dormitory is nearing completion, and women students at Nkhoma University as well as those attending courses at the JMTI Seminary will be able to move in around the end of October—just before the start of the rainy season. Funding for the dormitory was generously provided by a donor from our Presbytery, and the Synod has expressed heartfelt gratitude for this support.

Two women students shared how transformative the new dormitory will be for them. Last school year, they rented accommodations in a nearby village that lacked electricity and required daily trips of carrying water. The toilet facilities were outside, and personal safety was a constant concern. With the new dormitory, students will have access to electricity, in-room toilets and showers, a communal gathering space, and a dedicated area to cook. The improved and secure location near the Seminary will offer them a better environment for their studies.

Ebenezer School and the JMTI Seminary have recently begun their new academic year. The administration at Ebenezer School is particularly excited about the installation of a new computer lab, as well as improvements in maintenance and the addition of new desks and chairs. At JMTI Seminary, efforts are underway to ensure that every incoming student receives a new English Study Bible—an invaluable resource for their studies.

The Men in the Mirror Program is launching an exciting new program and will be training 26 National police chaplains in October. This program builds on previous efforts to train pastors, who in turn educate men within their congregations. In addition to training 36 pastors in Men in the Mirror in May, ten pastors and their wives, whose churches have taken the course were trained in the use of a 13-week devotional resource called Couples in the Mirror. The Men in the Mirror has already made a positive impact by improving relationships between men, their wives, children, and colleagues.

Progress continues at the Malingunde Health Center, which serves an estimated 100,000 people. Renovations are currently underway at the Ante-Natal Building, helping to improve healthcare services for the community.

Planning for the Malawi Mission Trip, scheduled for April 17, is in progress. We encourage you to consider joining us for this meaningful experience!