



Watering Malawi advocates for long-term solutions to extreme poverty and hunger through access to clean water, simple irrigation and sanitation systems.

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:10-11 NIV

Ways you can pray:

- ◆ Only 2% of Malawi's arable land is irrigated. The water is there, it is just inaccessibly deep under ground. Getting it to flow to a garden is impossible without irrigation. This makes harvesting a good crop completely dependent upon how the rain falls. Cyclical drought has caused severe food shortages for millions of Malawians for the past two decades.

Pray for: Malawians to acquire the tools to grow sustainable food supplies year round. This reduces complete dependence on rain or cyclical dependence upon international relief efforts. Year round crops also raise levels of economic security as excess crops can be sold at market. A treadle pump to help water a garden costs around \$200.

Pray that Watering Malawi as we make simple irrigation systems available to villages in Malawi where this option is viable. Pray for good rains. Pray for teachers to train farmers to use the irrigation systems wisely. Pray for those who are hungry.

- ◆ Watering Malawi partners with local non-government organizations to fund water projects. Placing wells in specific regions of Malawi where cyclical droughts have hit the hardest saves lives. Your donations fund deep borehole wells, hand washing stations in schools, water catchment systems and solar powered pumps.

Pray for: a 'Mothers club:" fifteen women of childbearing age are made owners and care takers of the well. As caretakers of the wells, they are trained in maintenance of the wells, gardening techniques, nutrition and child growth monitoring. Water run off from the well is then used to irrigate a village garden. Pray for mother's who love their children to be able to care for them well. Pray for them to know that Jesus loves each of them and is the Living Water in their lives.

A deep bore hole well, plus the training of a mothers club, costs around \$6000.

- ◆ When water is closer, little girls don't have to spend so much of their day going to and from the well for their families. With access to water, comes better access to school. However, many girls in Africa miss at least a week of school a month because there is not adequate sanitation available at school.

Pray for: water projects that put bathrooms in schools. It not only allows for a hand washing station but also provides a safe and sanitary bathroom solution for boys and girls.

Pray for children who are eager to learn. Pray for teachers to love them and have the patience to stick with their job. Pray that water is accessible for students to be able to wash their hands.

To put a latrine in a school costs about \$2000.

- ◆ **Pray for:** Fish. Lake Malawi has historically provided Malawians with 70% of their protein intake, but recent trends indicate dwindling catches. This is due to over-fishing in shallow waters and a lack of fingerlings for fish farmers. Fish for People provides villages with the resources to build and stock fish ponds and the training needed to raise crops of fish. Not only does this provide a protein source for healthier diets, and therefore healthier mothers and babies, it creates an economic stimulus in the community.

Pray that the One who called the disciples to be fishers of men will be made known to the farmers who receive these fish. Pray that they multiply and grow and fill up the nets to feed hungry families and help them to grow strong.

To start a fish farm costs \$500.

- ◆ **Please pray** for the students across the U.S. who continue to plan and organize events which benefit Watering Malawi. The efforts of others have made an impact on the lives of those in Malawi.

Pray that God's love is shared as students raise awareness about the need for water around the world and in Malawi. Pray that students are affirmed in their callings to share God's love in new and creative ways. Pray that our brothers and sisters in Christ in Malawi, a largely Christian nation, will be encouraged today. Celebrate with a spirit of thanksgiving that we are one in Christ and all a part of the family of God.

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