

## Grace Chapel Malawi Summer Mission Trip 2009

**Approximate Dates:** June 30 – July 14, 2009 (12 days within that window)

**Maximum number of participants:** 14

**Description of trip:** This team of people will be working with World Relief Malawi, Grace Chapel's global partner addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The team will:

- Provide training to church-based child development center teachers
- Assist in building a livestock house
- Provide Bible Study leader trainings
- Provide Biblical teaching to pastors and elders

Participants should be willing to "carry the story" back to Grace Chapel during the following year.

### Activities:

- Child Development – Caregivers training (4 – 6 people) - As a follow-up to the GC Global Awareness Week offering for the Malawi child development centers, team members will train some teachers from the church-based child development centers. Educational toys brought over by the team will be used to demonstrate skills to be taught to the children. Spiritual



- Build a livestock house (4 – 6 people) - During the 2008 trip, the team saw that some villagers had built a couple of large chicken houses and planted large fields, each owned by a team of 10 families. This year, World Relief Malawi is working with additional churches to implement some income-generating projects that are mostly agri-business in nature in the Mzimba district. By building a livestock house with the villagers, there is opportunity for GC people to encourage the local people, building relationships in both directions. In addition, we are hoping to have a spiritual component.

- Bible Study leadership training (4-5 people) - Provide one-day training sessions with church leaders on leading Bible Studies, including basic inductive Bible study skills. The one-day, all day trainings would be done in 4 – 5 different locations with groups of about 40 – 50 participants. This would probably be a team-teaching format.



- Pastor's conference (2 – 3 days) – teaching by a Grace Chapel pastor to the pastors of the 45 churches that are working with World Relief Malawi in the Mzimba district. In addition, each pastor will likely bring the chair of their ministry team.
- Exposure to other programs of World Relief will allow everyone to have a broader experience beyond their own activities. In the past, these activities have included home visits, agriculture visits, nursery school visits and worshipping in a local church on Sunday morning.

The process for going on a Grace Chapel mission trip is:

1. Fill out the attached application and return it to us by TBD. There is also a supplement with a few questions more specific to the Malawi trip.
2. The team will have several meetings as a team between mid-April and when we leave.
3. There is a required training retreat in NH from May 1-3 for all teams.
4. The cost is \$TBD which is due one week prior to trip departure. (Last year it was \$1900 minus a \$100 discount for first timers.) This is not the whole cost; Grace Chapel is subsidizing the balance. We encourage people to build a prayer team by sending letters to friends and family before and after the trip. Some of these people may be interested in helping with the financial support.

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