

## **Journey to Malawi**

Since 2004, more than 30 members of the Redeemer community, including college students (Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and University of Virginia), have traveled to Malawi, some more than once.. A travel team is formed in the winter before delivering our message of concern and interest “on the ground” in Malawi the following summer. Interested individuals are encouraged to come to the monthly ACM meetings. Contact Lynn Marsden-Atlass, Prill Bradshaw, or Stephen Billings for further information.

## **Redeemer’s Villages in Malawi**

ACM supported Naluso village, part of Njirambo Center in the Mulanje District of southern Malawi, from 2010 to 2013. The Redeemer provided 1,622 villagers in 420 households and 97 orphans with food, education, medicines and life-saving services.

Currently, Kukada Village in Traditional Authority Nkanda in Mulanje District will be the focus of ACM’s support. With 2,194 villagers in 542 households, the focus is on developing critical life skills, sexual reproductive health and HIV prevention.

## **Nursing Scholarship Program**

In Malawi, the shortage of skilled nurses limits the basic healthcare available. ACM has supported Kaboni Gondwe and other nursing students with tuition, room, and board, uniforms, shoes, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, watches, and small living stipends. Graduate nurse pledges to serve in Malawi for 4 years.

## **Medicines Assistance Program (MAP) International**

MAP International provides medicines to the developing world, researches the medicinal needs of target countries, assembles donated medicines into shipping containers, and provides customs clearance assistance. Redeemer travelers have delivered much-needed medical supplies to clinics in Malawi through this program.

## **Accomplishing the Mission**

### ***Children’s Education***

Redeemer children learn about Malawi through age-appropriate lessons. Younger children focus on our ministry in Malawi using the book *Abwenzi Means Friends* by Carol Chew and Peter Sipple. Older students engage in some role playing based on materials used in Malawi to increase awareness about HIV/AIDS and to gain a broad understanding of the challenges of life in Malawi.

### ***Got Goat?***

ACM’s “Got Goat?” campaign spreads awareness of the project and raises money to purchase live goats for villagers in Malawi. Goats provide food security: milk, a constant source of fertilizer, and offspring retained by original recipients while mother goats are given to other villagers. To date, Redeemer youth and students at the Blankenburg School in West Philadelphia and local colleges have raised over \$15,000 to purchase and deliver more than 600 goats and to instruct new goat owners in their care

### ***Christmas Bazaar and Joyful Giving Program***

Colorful photographic cards of Malawi announce your gift to the bicycle ambulance program, nursing scholarships, and/or elementary and high school educational opportunities in honor of special individuals on your list.

### ***Have-A-Heart Campaign***

Valentine’s Day means more than candy and roses with ACM’s “Have-A-Heart” campaign. Gifts of love help children in Malawi whose lives have been affected by AIDS. Since 2009 “Have-A-Heart” has raised over \$20,000 to support orphans and women. Additional information about all ACM activities can be found at [http://www.theredeemer.org/african\\_childrens\\_mission](http://www.theredeemer.org/african_childrens_mission)

## Get Involved

ACM welcomes the thoughts, suggestions, and active participation of all who share our sense of mission and want to make a difference in the lives of children in Malawi. There are various ways in which you can contribute. Please join us!

**ACM usually meets the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Parish House (check Church calendar for occasional variation in date)**

Yes, I want to support the African Children's Mission to improve the quality of life for children in Malawi. Please accept my enclosed tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Checks should be made payable to:  
**Church of the Redeemer** (note **ACM** on the memo line)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to become more involved with ACM  
(circle one)    yes    no

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# African Children's Mission



## MISSION STATEMENT

- Empower our congregation to improve the lives and hopes of children affected by HIV/AIDS through education, child care, home health care, community improvement, and new programs
- Provide travel team members with a new perspective on life through observation of the positive attitudes prevalent among the Malawians.
- Develop an interactive educational and spiritual relationship between these children and our parish community through education of our children, young people, and adults
- Coordinate activities with other faith-based organizations when our mission coincides with their mission
- Ensure that funds are applied effectively and efficiently to address the pressing needs of these children orphaned by AIDS