

Malawi Gospel Outreach 2016

Information Pack





Go ye into all the world...

Thank you for your interest in Gospel outreach in Malawi.



It is estimated that over half of the 17 Million population Malawi is under the age of 16.

What an opportunity to save lives from sin - not just souls from hell!

We hope this brochure will answer most of your questions, however please contact us should you need further information.

Organisers

This trip is being organised by Stephen & Gail Harper, commended as missionaries to Malawi by the assembly of Christians at Ebenezer Gospel Hall, Bangor (N.I.) in 2003.

When are we going?

Main outreach event will be 8-21 August 2016 but you are welcome to join us from 3 August for setup and preliminary activities. Dates subject to final confirmation.

Where are we going?

We will be based in the Zomba area, Malawi (Southern Region). Malawi is a relatively small land-locked country in Central Africa, bordered by Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. Zomba is an old colonial town, formerly the country's capital during British rule. It has a population of around 100,000 many of whom live in crowded townships. Although there are many vernacular languages spoken in Malawi, the majority language is Chichewa, however many people are able to speak English in the urban areas.

What will we be doing?

We will be involved in Gospel literature distribution, open-air, hospital and village evangelism, and helping with Children's work. The actual activities undertaken will depend upon the mix of people and abilities

available. We will also prioritise good times of fellowship together, with daily devotionals when we will be able to encourage one another from the Word of God. We want this to be a very enjoyable, as well as profitable experience.

Who is eligible?

This trip is open to any believer with a genuine interest in the spread of the Gospel and the ability to work well with other Christians. We expect that each participant will be in active, happy fellowship in a local assembly, and have their commendation in this venture. In the interests of harmony within the group, we may at our sole discretion, decline the application of any person we believe would be unsuitable.

Who will you be working with?

You will be working with experienced missionaries to Malawi and/or selected local believers who have their confidence. You will not be left without appropriate supervision/support.

Accommodation

Basic, shared accommodation will be provided in one of the missionaries' homes. Segregation of male/female sleeping quarters must be strictly observed at all times. Bathroom facilities will be shared, subject to appropriate male/female segregation. Depending on demand, some accommodation may be in tents.

...and preach the Gospel.

Health requirements

You should be in generally good mental and physical health and fit to travel. You should be aware of the risk of Malaria and take appropriate precautions. We will provide a mosquito net, however you should consult your GP about an appropriate course of anti-malarial prophylaxis and other necessary vaccinations, as well as any existing health conditions. Be aware, some people find it emotionally difficult to cope with the levels of poverty and suffering evident in Malawi.

Personal safety

Malawi is relatively peaceful and crime-free; however it is always wise to take sensible precautions. You will receive advice on this nearer the time, but you should be very wary of creating opportunities for opportunistic thieves. If a valuable item is not really necessary, please consider leaving it at home!

Dietary issues

Although you may not be able to get many of your favourite treats, we will, as far as possible, prepare local ingredients in a way that looks and tastes like food you are used to at home. You will have opportunity to sample local dishes, should you wish. It is essential that you tell us if you have any special dietary requirements so that we can advise you whether or not we will be able to accommodate them.

Will there be any leisure time?

Yes. There will be appropriate free leisure time during our stay in Malawi, and we will organise one or two optional sightseeing trips and a trip to a local National Park for Big Game viewing.

How much will it cost?

There will be no compulsory cost for accommodation, food or local transport as we will look to the Lord to supply these needs. If you are able to make a contribution, we will obviously be grateful for that. You will however have to pay for the cost of any leisure trips or meals out, although you should find such costs quite reasonable compared to UK prices.

Insurance Requirements

The organisers require adequate Travel Insurance to cover cost of emergency treatment and/or repatriation in case of accident or illness. For simplicity in case of multiple injuries, we will arrange group cover at a cost of approximately £30 (or equivalent) each.



Visa requirements

Visas are required for most foreign nationals but these can be obtained upon arrival in Malawi at a cost of US\$75.

Travel arrangements

You will have to pay your air travel costs to/from Malawi. Group travel will be arranged with Ethiopian Airlines from Dublin to Blantyre, Malawi via Addis Ababa and by road to Zomba. If you wish to avail of this, we estimate the price will be around £1300 from London or €1000 from Dublin. (Indicative fares from USA and Canada are \$1800 and CAD\$2350 respectively.) Flights can be secured on payment of €200 deposit. If connecting flights are necessary to/from your local airport you should make these arrangements yourself, or we may be able to make them for you through our agents. (Participants making their own travel arrangements should confirm plans with the organisers **before** booking.)

Arrival days in Malawi will be Wed 3/8, Sat 6/8 & Sun 7/8. Departure days will be Sat 20/8 or Wed 24/8 August.

How do I apply?

To assist us with planning please apply online at www.goodnewsmalawi.com/malawigo2016 or return the enclosed application form as soon as possible. Even a tentative response will be helpful and will ensure you are kept informed.



“Fantastic experience would definitely do it again.”

“...I would highly recommend to others...”

“This has taught me a number of things and highlighted the importance of knowing and standing for the truth. It has refocused my attention on the Gospel...”

“An absolutely phenomenal experience...I loved every minute of it.”



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