Malawi Gospel Outreach 2018

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 iust 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 13-25 August 2018 but you are welcome to extend your stay before / after those dates by prior arrangement. Dates subject to final confirmation.

Where are we going?

We will be based in the Lilongwe area, Malawi (Central Region). Malawi is a relatively small land-locked country in Central Africa, bordered by Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. Lilongwe is the capital city of Malawi, with a population of over 1,000,000 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 but comfortable accommodation will be provided at the Baptist Missionary Guesthouse near the centre of Lilongwe. This is located within a secure compound. All necessary bedding and towels will be provided.

...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 look to the Lord to supply these needs. However we estimate this to be about £25 (US\$35) per person per day and ilf you are able to contribute to these and the other costs of the outreach, we will obviously be grateful for that. You will 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 $\mathfrak{L}30$ (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 via Addis Ababa and by road to our base. If you wish to avail of this, we estimate the price will be around £850 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 <u>before</u> booking.)

Suitable arrival and departure days will be specified in due course.

How do I apply?

To assist us with planning please apply online here 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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