



Malawi
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*Cultivating hope
one village at a time*

May Team



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Project Areas

Love a Village works to reduce poverty and promote self-sustainability by partnering with Malawians in five key project areas:

- **Clean Water** - bore holes and household water filters
- **Food Security** - fruits, veggies, livestock, forestation and fertilizer
- **Hygiene** - toilets and wash stations, and girls hygiene classes
- **Education** - tuition scholarships, school supplies, and life skills training
- **Basic Shelter** - new construction, repair, tin roof installations

As we work, we build relationships and share the good news of Jesus' great love for us.

An Exciting Opportunity

I am 21 years old and am currently at Seneca College studying in the Bachelor of Child Development Degree Program. I am enjoying my classes where I am learning about children and how to facilitate their growth and development. I am working part time at Olympian Swimming, where I have worked for six years. I teach swimming lessons, lifeguard, and am an assistant manager. This is a place where I can implement what I am learning at school into my practice at work. Children truly bring happiness to me and I believe that I can make a difference in their lives by working and encouraging them in their different pathways that they choose to take in life.

This will be my first time going to Malawi and I am very excited for the opportunity to have an experience unlike any that I have ever had. From hearing the stories of the individuals who have gone years before truly inspired me to want to go and experience it first hand. I have been extremely lucky to grow up in a big house with my own room, receiving an education, having food on the table every night, and being able to be part of extracurricular activities such as hockey. However, I realise that this is not everyone's reality. I have grown up in a culture where values are placed on things such as the way that you dress, the phone that you have, and other material items. Malawi is a place where people do not have the luxury



Luhomero

Love a Village works in the village of Luhomero (pop. 4,000). Malawi is known as the Warm Heart of Africa and is one of the world's poorest nations (per person GDP is only \$226.50 USD). The village of Luhomero is in Malawi's neglected northern region.

Prayer is essential. It is the single most important gift people can give me, so please pray! It is only through prayer that I will be able to accomplish all that He is asking me to do as I walk along side Him.

Financial gifts are also needed. My goal is to raise \$4,600, which will not only enable me to go but also advance Love a Village projects in Luhomero.

Here is how you can help:

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to indulge themselves in a culture like this one. Their life is different from my reality and I look forward to taking a step back from this materialistic culture that I live in, and discovering the true importance of life, which is about making a difference in other people's lives. This trip, I believe, will be a stepping-stone in further appreciating the life that I live and learning how to make a positive impact in another person's life.

Being an active Catholic, I feel truly blessed that I am being given the opportunity to go on a Christian mission trip and am looking forward to the lessons that I will be taught, while providing works of charity. These will include water filtration training, helping with the moulding of bricks and digging of pit for families to build toilets, running a children's program, learning about a new farming technique to ensure food security for families, and meeting with young girls.

I have lived in Scarborough my entire life and am very comfortable with this culture and living at home with my parents and two older sisters. At first, it may be very different for me to be away from home in a new country; however, I am looking forward to the opportunity to experience a new culture with a new system of beliefs and values. Malawi, being one of the poorest countries in the world, will benefit from our group's efforts. I am looking forward to the different projects that we will be doing while there, where I will be able to use the skills and knowledge I have learned from my school, work, and experiences to do something for the greater good. I hope this will be the first of many travelling experiences where I will be working towards a better future for children.