



**Together, we're making a difference!**

## Love a Village

We are a grassroots organization dedicated to changing the face of extreme poverty. We are the voice for the voiceless, silenced by the chasm the grip of poverty has left them in. We exist to empower villagers, not through handouts, but by working together with local leaders, coming alongside them and assisting them to live independently.

## Luhomero, Malawi

Luhomero is nestled in an isolated, low-lying mountain range with a population of over 5,000. As subsistence farmers, their survival depends on what they grow. They're determined people, who's lives are changing!

## Follow my team!

Photos and updates will be posted during our trip!

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## Samantha Quinn

Hi everyone! My name is Samantha Quinn and this will be my second trip to Malawi, Africa with Love a Village. I am excited to return to Malawi to provide further assistance to those in need – and to learn more about Malawi and her people.

On my first trip, I found myself shocked at the complete lack of resources the villagers experience. Basic necessities, such as water, nutrition, and education – things I often take for granted – are not readily available. A moment from my first trip that clearly represented this deficit was the first time I used my phone to take a picture with a group of children. The kids were extremely excited to see what they looked like on the screen. For some of them this was the first time seeing a cellular device. And even more to my surprise – the first time seeing their reflection. This moment really stood out to me, highlighting the privilege I experience in Canada.





## LAV Projects

LAV works to reduce poverty and promote independence by partnering with Malawians in:

- Clean Water - boreholes and water filters
- Safe Shelter - roofing
- Food Security - farming techniques, beehives, mushrooms and so much more
- Health & Hygiene - toilets, hygiene classes
- Focus on Girls - sewing and menstrual hygiene management

## Support

Prayer is essential and is the single most important gift people can give me. Financial gifts are also needed in order to enable me to go and advance LAV projects in Lhomero.

Here's how you can help:  
[www.loveavillage.org/donate](http://www.loveavillage.org/donate).

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Love a Village works to bring resources to communities in Malawi – such as education & infrastructure the community can maintain. On my first trip in 2017 – the focus was clean water. We provided water filters, built toilets and rope pumps. We provided seminars which educated the community on how to use and maintain these systems. I find it inspiring that Love a Village works to help community members take ownership in this new infrastructure – that will in turn help them to build a more sustainable future. Though the focus of the trip was clean water – I was also able to use my degree in Child Development - when spending extended periods of time with many children in the community. I found that even with a language barrier & significant cultural differences – we were still able to connect & learn from one another.

On my second trip to Malawi – I will be extending my visit to 5 weeks. With this additional time I hope to spend more time with the children in the community – further developing my skills in Child Development – while also providing as much assistance and education as possible. I hope to also grow spiritually – as these missions help me feel closer to God. I believe that this trip will allow me to further explore how my work and dedication can make a positive impact on other communities – and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to learn from others.

