

A group of people are going on a "Mission Awareness Trip" through Malawi and Nigeria in June/July 2006.

We will be visiting various organizations that are working to address society's multiple forms of poverty.

	<u>US</u>	<u>Nigeria</u>	
<b>Malawi</b>			
Population [millions]	295	129	12
50% below age	36	19	16
Life Expectancy	78	47	41
HIV Prevalence	0.6%	5%	14%
Per Capita GDP	\$40,100	\$1000	\$600
Literacy Rate Men	97%	76%	73%
Literacy Rate Women	97%	61%	43%

Sub-Saharan Africa has just over 10% of the world's population, but is home to two-thirds of all people living with HIV.

50 employees of the power company in Malawi were sent for HIV testing; 44 were HIV positive. (These are generally young males, with a significant income, and travel throughout the country.)

Africa is more than 3 times the size of the United States.

As many people die of Malaria every year as die of AIDS.  
Malaria is preventable and treatable when adequate measures are in place.

In 2002, the World Bank ranked Malawi as the country with the biggest gap between the rich and poor. It has the largest portion of wealth held by the fewest number of people.

Corruption pervades many levels of society.

**Nigeria** is Africa's most populous country and is slightly more than twice the size of California.

**Nigeria** →

There is a notable lack of motivation and commitment to duties and obligations.

In **Malawi**, 1 in 5 children die before they reach 5 years old.

**Malawi** is slightly smaller than Pennsylvania.

1 in 15 women die during childbirth, causing orphans and street children.

← **Malawi**

**Life is very tough for women in Malawi:**

Women are the primary caretakers of the family.

Women are "used" for sex, and many males are transient with partners.

As many as 70% of women are sexually abused by the time they are 18 years old.

More than 80% of domestic servants are sexually abused.

**Malawi is in a famine.**

80% of the economy is based on agriculture and is currently in a drought.

There is a lack of good education in Malawi due to a lack of good school infrastructures and qualified teachers: There are 4000 Elementary schools and only 1000 secondary schools in Malawi.

Much of the schools' budgets are used to pay funeral costs for teachers who die of AIDS.

**This is a bleak picture, but change is happening.**

**Many people have committed their lives to making a difference.**

The intent of this trip is to raise awareness of the problems and the work being done to address them.

100% of the financial contributions will go to the missions that we visit.

## Fundraising to Sustain Missions in Africa

100% of all donations will be hand delivered to the person in charge of running and sustaining each mission.

All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued upon request.

You can make donations to specific missions or have your donation divided among all of the missions.

To make a donation to a specific mission, please put the donated amount in the box next to the description of services.

	<b>Bakhita Secondary School &amp; Technical College for young women</b>	<b>Run by the Canossian Daughters of Charity</b>
	This school will be the most suitable environment for the formation of the person, the most opportune means to curb society's multiple forms of poverty, and the preferential means to build humanity. As these women attain their full potential, they will transform their families, communities, and nation. With each graduation, a wave of diligent and dedicated agents of change will ripple through Malawi, slowly raising the standard of values and acceptable behavior.	
	<b>Bakhita Primary School</b>	<b>Run by the Canossian Daughters of Charity</b>
	Basic primary education is provided to students to prepare them for government exams, that may qualify them to attend government sponsored secondary schools, or to prepare them to attend another secondary school. Religious education and Bible knowledge is also a part of the curriculum.	
	<b>Kankao Orphanage &amp; Development Center for the Handicapped.</b>	<b>Run by the Poverelli Sisters</b>
	This place takes in infant orphans and toddlers who are raised and taught the most basic skills of self-sufficiency and hygiene. There is also a longer term care facility to care for children with severe physical and mental disabilities.	
	<b>Mikoke Hospital</b>	<b>Run by the Poverelli Sisters</b>
	This is a "Western" style hospital that provides care to people in the village and trains those who are interested in becoming doctors and nurses.	
	<b>Inter-Congregational Seminary</b>	<b>Run by Comboni, Montfort, Spiritan, and Carmelite Missionary Orders</b>
	Saint Comboni's motto was to "Evangelize Africa with Africans." This is a junior seminary run by a group of different missionary orders. This is the first formal education that students receive on their way to becoming priests. They study English, Philosophy, Psychology, Theology, and other courses to help them develop their talents and explore their vocation as priests and missionaries. After completing their studies here, they graduate to what is known as a major seminary.	
	<b>Andiamo Co-Op/Mission</b>	<b>Run by the St. Louis de Montfort Fathers</b>
	This is a well-established mission that really shows what is possible to achieve in the society. This mission provides jobs, goods, and services to the surrounding area. There is a clinic, eye care center, dentist, auto shop, wood working shop, herbal medicine garden, and various income generating activities such as chicken and produce farming. There are continuous efforts to establish new ways to address the needs of the community and allow for growth towards self-dependency of the community.	
	<b>Chifundo Artisan Project</b>	<b>Run by American Volunteer to benefit Montfort orphanage</b>
	An ex-Peace Corps volunteer was chartered to make a paper recycling and craft center self-sustainable and profitable to provide income to an orphanage. With a wide assortment of hand made paper products, batiques, and crafts, the workers are provided a work place and a venue to sell their goods and receive a regular monthly salary.	
	<b>Prison Halfway House</b>	<b>Run by the St. Louis de Montfort Fathers</b>
	An intermediate step for those released from prison after serving their sentence. Former prisoners are stigmatized in society. It is a place for them to re-integrate into society and learn trades such as farming and baking.	
	<b>Canossian Sisters in Nsanama</b>	<b>Run by the Canossian Daughters of Charity</b>
	The sisters run a clinic and a boarding house for the local school and perform pastoral work at the local parish.	
	<b>Maldecho Hospital</b>	<b>Run by the Canossian Daughters of Charity</b>
	The sisters run a general hospital, although there is an emphasis on delivering babies. They are also helping with pastoral duties in the parish that is being built.	
	<b>Nkhotakota Parish</b>	<b>Run by a Salesian Priest from Poland</b>
	The main emphasis here is to finish building a new church. Donated money has been used to advance the construction of a new church and initiate and sustain pastoral care programs.	
	<b>St. John of God Community Services</b>	<b>Run by Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (MIC)</b>
	This is the only clinic that ministers to people living with mental illness, epilepsy, and addictions to drugs and alcohol in this region of Africa. Vocational training is provided for people with mental illness and the handicapped, and there is a center for children with mental and physical disabilities. Psychiatric nurses and counselors are also being trained here and sent throughout the country. There is a separate effort to develop and employ artists that will preserve the Malawian culture, while creating jobs and incorporating Christian values.	
	<b>Carmel Retreat Center</b>	<b>Run by the Discalced Carmelite Priests</b>
	This ministry ministers to all of the people, both lay and religious that are ministering to the people of Malawi. It is a place for individuals and communities to come and reflect on their missions, their reasons and motivations for all of their work, and to reflect on how the Lord is working in their lives.	
	<b>Orphanage in Lilongwe</b>	<b>Run by an order of Nuns</b>
	This is a large orphanage that takes in children and supports them until they are 18. The older children help to take care of the younger children in an environment that fosters love and caring for the less fortunate.	
	<b>St. Francis Pastoral Center</b>	<b>Run by the Canossian Daughters of Charity</b>
	This is a parish that serves one of the largest urban slums in Malawi. The sisters run educational programs in the parish and social outreach to people in the area. The sisters' entire income comes from the donations that the people offer at Mass each Sunday.	
	<b>Don Bosco Youth Technical Institute</b>	<b>Run by the Salesian Priests and Brothers</b>
	This is a technical school for boys and girls to teach them many different professional skills. It is very well renowned for it's accountancy, auto mechanics, bricklaying, computer science, carpentry and joinery, electrical installation, secretarial practices, and tailoring and design courses. The school vision is "to maintain the highest standard of excellence in education with a balance for the poor." The motto is "Hard work and vision is the road to success."	
	<b>Missions in Nigeria</b>	<b>Trip will be lead by Fr. Anthony Odozi</b>
	A group of people will travel to Nigeria in order to spend a week and work with various mission organizations. Nurses will go and spend a week with nurses, teachers with teachers, etc.	
	<b>Mission in Tanzania</b>	<b>Run by the Love &amp; Mercy Coalition</b>
	Mary Dawn Reavey is a nurse practitioner who served a 1-year mission in Tanzania, and then founded her own non-profit organization that is sponsored by the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). Donations will support an AIDS clinic and nutrition center, a Bible Study, and an after school study program for children.	

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		City, State, ZIP _____	

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