

# Malawi

## July 2020

Purpose | Partner with a local church to bring the gospel to a Malawian Village by hosting a retreat for children, leading sports ministry for youth, and helping with a women's conference.

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**Dates:** July

### Estimated Cost: \$2800.00

Includes

- Flights & Visas
- Accommodations
- Travel In Country
- All Food in Country

### Extra Costs

- Free Day ( Approx. \$100.00)
  - o Possible activities include Lake Malawi/ Animal Wildlife Preserve ( TBD)
- Airport Food ( Approx. \$40.00)
- Shots ( Based on Insurance)

### Exampe Schedule

Monday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Depart Houston
Tuesday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Travel Day
Wednesday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Travel Day – Arrive in Malawi
Thursday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Training Day in Country
Friday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Conference
Saturday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Conference
Sunday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Local Village Church/ Lake Malawi & Shopping
Monday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Ministry
Tuesday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Ministry
Wednesday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Village Ministry
Thursday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kindle Tour / Lunch with Kindle Staff
Friday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Free Day
Saturday July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Depart Malawi
Sunday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Arrive Back in Houston

## Location:

Most of trip will be spent in the area surrounding Lilongwe and near Lake Malawi working with the Yao People Group of Malawi.



## People Group:

The Yao of Malawi are mostly Muslim. Yao Muslims belong predominantly to one of two groups of Muslims, both of which are Sunni. One group is Sufi in belief and practice and are known as the Qadiriyya. This group combines Islam with traditional African religion, using traditional medicines and talismans for protection from sorcery and witchcraft, as well as for healing and obtaining good fortune.

Along with deep spiritual needs, the Yao also suffer from physical needs. HIV/AIDS has been a serious problem in Malawi.

Malaria and malnutrition are two other physical challenges the Yao face.



## Ministry Descriptions

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### Children's Ministry

Team will work with a local Yao Church to present the Gospel to children in the local village through VBS activities, lessons, and games. The team and local Yao leaders will run VBS Children's Ministry together.



### Women's Ministry

Team will work with a local Yao Church to do Women's Ministry Bible Study with the local mothers, widows, and women of the village.

### Village Ministry

Team will work with local Yao Church to minister and build relationships with local villagers. This is a great time to learn about Malawian Culture, food, and way of life.

### Kindle Tour

Team will take a tour of a local NGO "Kindle Orphan Outreach". Team will visit local medical clinic, schools, and Tree Reforestation Village Project.



## How to Apply:

### First Steps:

1. Fill out a trip application online at <https://woodsedge.churchcenter.com/people/forms/20407>
2. Meet with Trip Leader- Stephanie Ryan
3. Check your passport. Is it valid? Is the bar code in good shape? The expiration date must have a 6 month widow past your travel dates. <http://passports.state.gov>
4. Mark your calendar for all team meetings. Make them a priority. Let your team leader know if you cannot attend.
5. Start Fundraising. Woodsedge recommends that you be prepared and willing to pay for at least some part of the trip yourself, but we also encourage fundraising/prayer letters as a great way to let people partner with you.

At Woodsedge we know ***Prayer is the Real Work.***

- Pray for safety and great weather on the trip
- Pray about your team and your role on the team
- Pray about unity on your team and hearts to serve
- Pray for opportunity to talk about the love of Jesus as we go!

## PRAYER POINTS:

\* A full Bible in Ciyawo was completed and published in late 2014. Two other translation efforts are ongoing. Pray for the Scriptures to be accepted by the majority Yao Muslims as well as other forms of Scriptures (such as audio Bibles, etc.).

\* There are several international mission organizations working among the Yao; pray for God's blessing and effective methods of evangelism for those sharing God's Story.

\* There are a few Yao believers. Pray for God's blessing upon them, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:18).

\* Pray for spiritual barriers to be broken among the Yao and for God to prepare hearts to be open to the Gospel.

\* The population of Malawi suffers from HIV/AIDS; pray for God's work among the Yao physically as well as spiritually.



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