

FBC News



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Watering Malawi Our Youth on Mission in Africa

"I waited and waited and waited for God. At last He looked; finally he listened. He lifted me out of the ditch, pulled me from deep mud...He taught me how to sing the latest God-song, more and more people are seeing this: They enter the mystery, abandoning themselves to God." PSALM 40:1-3

"If you want to give it all you've got," Jesus replied, "go sell your possessions and give everything to the poor...." MATTHEW 19:21

Going into PASSPORT Malawi, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. I knew where we were going, and that we'd be doing missions-oriented activities. Yet I really didn't know that much about Malawian culture, exactly what activities we were doing, or even Watering Malawi itself. (Though, I was very excited to learn)

During the first few days, we attended the home church of Colleen Burroughs, the founder of Watering Malawi. We also went to some schools where Watering Malawi had funded some bathrooms, and where we helped to raise awareness about hygiene and sanitation.

The fourth day was a little different. Early in the morning we met with World Vision, a non-profit Christian organization, which ministers to the poorest of the poor. We learned from some of the World Vision leaders in Malawi

about the challenges they were facing while trying to provide a better quality of life to their people through access to good water sources.

There are a few different water sources that World Vision is able to provide, such as treadle pumps and fishponds. Watering Malawi has been able to partner with World Vision to help fund some of



these water projects. Most of the challenges World Vision was facing seemed to be with the treadle pumps. Although World Vision has a team of experts that assess an area to make sure it has clean water before digging a hole, there is still a chance that when they dig, the hole will be dry. When there is water, a pump is installed for the people of a village to use. If the pump breaks, the people of the village rely on World Vision to come fix the problem, which is costly and time-consuming. In order to resolve this issue, World Vision has begun to train teams of people in the villages so they can know how to fix the pumps themselves.

I'm going to tell you about a God moment I had while at Passport Malawi. I told this story several times to our group over the week, but it is important to me to tell you the entire story.

On Tuesday we met up with MATAMA (a sanitation and hygiene program) and walked from one school to another in a large rally to raise awareness for hygiene and sanitation. During the six-kilometer walk, I met up with and talked for the entire 2 hours with a boy named Phillip. We clicked with one another quickly and spoke easily about so many things. We spoke about lighter things for a while like favorite movies, cartoons, cars, and so on. Then I started realizing how intelligent this boy really is. We started talking about American, Malawian and East African history. We talked about medicine and his dreams to become a doctor in America. Not only was Phillip smart, but also he had an incredible grasp on reality.

By no fault of their own, most people in deep poverty have no true understanding of life in the first world. Somehow Phillip knew exactly how it was. When you looked at him you could see in his face that there was no confusion, only wonder and curiosity, this eagerness to learn was astounding to say the least.

As impressive as the first hour and a half was going, it was the last

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Looking Ahead

Saturday, August 13

Minister on Call-Patti English 899-6557
5:30pm 3rd-5th Grade Pool Party

Sunday, August 14

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture

Monday, August 15

Tuesday, August 16

11:30am Mommy & Me Playgroup

Wednesday, August 17

6:00pm Citizenship Class
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 18

9:15am Worship Planning
4:00pm International Choir
5:00pm Community Dinner
6:00pm Young Adult Prayer Group

Friday, August 19

8:00am Youth to Va Beach

Saturday, August 20

Minister on Call-Ann Marlow 786-6063

Sunday, August 21

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture

Our 2011 Financial Stewardship

Ministry Budget

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| Weekly Needs | \$26,649 |
| Sunday, August 7 | \$31,592 |
| Y-T-D Total | \$734,083 |
| Ahead/Behind Budget | -\$118,680 |

BUOH in Missions

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| Weekly Needs | \$4,808 |
| Sunday, August 7 | \$4,224 |
| Y-T-D Total | \$112,008 |
| Ahead/Behind Goal | -\$41,848 |

Our Sunday School Attendance

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| Sunday, August 7 | 451 |
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Responsibilities for August 14

Extended Session

8:30am Service

Contact Person:

Erin Silver 809-1303

Infant Care (PA14):

Mary Bourne, Tracy Affeldt

Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12):

Al & Lois Simms

11:00am Service

Contact Person:

Rebecca Beggan 703-371-7765

Bed Babies:

Donna Morris, BJ King, Sarah King

Toddlers & 2s:

Randall & Stacy Pierce

3s & 4s:

Rebecca Beggan, Janice Bocson

Greeters Schedule

Princess Anne St: Darrell Caldwell,
Kathy Jones

Hallway outside Chapel:

Frankie & Anna Lee

Sanctuary Door: Jim Wiltshire

Caroline Street: Ron & Pixie Cleaver

Children's Area: Dot Curtis

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

Amelia St: Hugh Mullen

Bus Drivers

8:30am

Brian Gudmundsson

9:45am

George Whitehurst, Randall Pierce,
Keith Morris

Ushers

8:30am

Anna & Frankie Lee,
Chuck & Donnell Pitts

11:00am

Randy Hart, Jim Wiltshire,
Randall & Stacy Pierce,
Dewey & Judy Lowman

Deacons

8:30am

Charles Willett, Camilla Willett,
John Ingram, Margaret Ingram
Johnny Jones (W&B)
Kathy Jones (W&B)

11:00am

Marian Wiltshire, Bill Young,
Nancy Young, Neal Walters,
Allen Bennett, Keith Morris,
Hugh Mullen, Tommy Settle

Burnie Parker (W&B),
John Rhea (W&B)

Audio Operators

8:30am Steve Simmons/John Ingram

11:00am Bob Dungan

Among Our Family

In The Hospital

STAFFORD HOSPITAL:

Shirley Schweitzer

New Members

By Baptism:
Conrad Carmichael
Hannah Heflin

By Statement & Letter:
George Pryce, II

Special Gifts

Memorial Gifts received this week will be listed in next week's newsletter

† Ministry Team †

Larry Haun
Pastor

Patti English
Associate Pastor

Mike Patch
Music

Sarah Bush
Member Development

Jeanne Anderson
Missions

Erin Silver
Preschoolers and Children

David Haun
Youth and College

Ann Marlow
Education/Administration

Dennis Sacrey
Church Administrator

Susan Cruse
Ministries Coordinator

Shirley Onderdonk
Organist

Tammy Snellings
Office Assistant

Sharon Brennan
Hostess

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After hearing about all this, we set out for a road trip to visit some of the places World Vision has worked with. The first place we went was to see one of the treadle pumps that Watering Malawi had funded. The road was steep, long, and bumpy, but we finally made it to a bore hole where some women, a large group of children, and a few men had gathered. They had struck water when digging the bore hole, and the water had already been tested and proven clean. However, they still needed to install the pump though, so they couldn't use the water for another week.

Due to the language barrier, we couldn't talk much to the group that had gathered. However, World Vision leader explained to us that many of the women that were there would be caring for the well, and the women seemed to understand that we were representing Watering Malawi, who had paid for the well. When we started to load back up on the bus, some of the women started singing to us in Chichewa. One of the World Vision leaders explained to us that the women were singing a song of praise to Jesus for the gift of water that we had provided.

Among the many things I've learned about Malawian culture, I've learned that around 75% of Malawians practice Christianity. Even when we weren't at church, gatherings began in prayer.

Malawi is also known as "The Warm Heart of Africa". Malawians are known for their hospitality as well as their spirit of cooperation. It is also part of their culture to address peers as "brother" or "sister". Over the course of the week, I was welcomed time and time again as "sister" and I realized that these people are my brothers and sisters in Christ, my church family.

In the Bible, God gives us instructions for how to care for not only the body of Christ, but for people in need, whatever their

circumstances, Jesus tells the rich man in Matthew, chapter 19 "If you want to give it all you've got, go sell your possessions and give everything to the poor..."

Not only does Watering Malawi help fund water sources that are essential to helping keep sickness at bay, it does so in the name of Christ Jesus the Living Water in whom we are called children of God, regardless of nationality or social status. When we share what we have to offer, God increases our joy, whether it be a song of praise or funds for a water pump. Not only have I seen the blessings that have resulted from Watering Malawi, I have truly been blessed as well.

-Caroline Yunker

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few minutes that really made my jaw drop. I realized God was in this boy's life and he was playing an enormous role. Phillip started talking about the obstacles he faced in becoming a doctor, or rather any successful man in America. I will try to quote him as accurately as I can, "People in Europe and America and all the developed nations think of people like me and think 'Oh these poor people', and they don't think twice about it. They assume I cannot amount to anything because I lack a nice home and nice things. They call us the 'N' word and say 'Useless!' But God knows my potential, and if he allows it I will meet you again in the states one day. People like you are what will give me the opportunity to come to America and do the things God intended me to do."

Phillip is an eleven-year-old boy who lives in poverty, yet is closer to God than I have known. He taught me an invaluable lesson on that long, hot march. It doesn't matter where you're born, or how much money you have, or who your family is, you can achieve great things and do what you want with God in your life.

-Phillip Yelverton

Youth to Virginia Beach Friday, August 19th 8:00am – 9:30pm



Meet at the church at 8:00am and we will travel in church buses to Virginia Beach for a day of body surfing, building sand castles, and lots of great fellowship. You will need money for your lunch at one of the boardwalk restaurants (like McDonald's) and for dinner at the food court at Lynnhaven Mall. We will return to the church at 9:30pm. Please sign-up early to help us secure transportation.

Primetimers Trip To Glen Echo and Home of Clara Barton

Travel by charter bus to lovely Glen Echo, Maryland, where we'll tour the home of Clara Barton. Right next door is the Glen Echo Park, which used to be an amusement park and then became an arts colony, and where the original Dentzel Carousel remains.

After touring the home and park, we'll share lunch together at the Irish Inn, next to the park. The Irish Inn offers delicious food and atmosphere in a quaint setting.

**Friday, September 9
8:30am-3:00pm
\$60.00/person
(Transportation & Meal
included)**

**Please sign up and submit
payment by
Sunday, August 21.**



Micah Ecumenical Ministries Can Use Your Help

Micah has been ending homelessness by the day! But we have found ourselves in quite the predicament. Our resources for furniture and household items have turned up very limited. We have several people who have moved into apartments from the street and have literally no furniture. So, if you happen to be cleaning out garages and basements as summer comes to a close, please keep the following needs in mind. Delivery is appreciated, but not required. Thanks for all you do to help us care for our neighbors in need.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

One man who has moved from a long time on the street into an apartment

- Sofa or loveseat
- Living room chair
- Dresser
- Bed
- Kitchen table and chairs

Two ladies who have moved from individual rooms into a shared apartment

- Bed frame for a twin bed
- 2 Dressers
- Living Room Furniture~ futon, chairs (it is a very narrow staircase so a sofa or anything large may be hard to get up there)
- Kitchen table and chairs
- Blinds/shades or curtains

Two men who have been homeless for many years.

- 1 mattress/box spring and bed frame
- Twin bed frame
- Kitchen table
- Sofa/chairs (living room furniture)
- 2 dressers

NEEDS IN THE NEXT MONTH

A long-time disabled married couple, finally moving into subsidized housing from the street

- Couch
- Television
- Recliner/chair
- Full size bed and frame
- Bedding for full size bed

If you can help with donating any of these items, please contact the Micah Center at 479-4116

**Prime Timers
Trip to
New York City at
Christmas!**

**Signup Deadline is
Sunday!**



**Single Occupancy - \$925.00
Double Occupancy - \$620.00
Triple Occupancy - \$540.00
Quadruple Occupancy - \$500.00**

Make plans now to join us for this Christmas trip! Our group will leave the FBC parking lot at 9:00am on Monday, November 28, and travel by charter bus to the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City. That night, we'll attend the **2011 Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular!**

On Tuesday and Wednesday you'll have the opportunity to tour with the group or strike out and see the city on your own. More details will be available in a brochure with registration form. We need **35 participants** to make this trip happen, so call your family and friends and invite them to come along!

Registration deadline (with \$200 deposit) – Sunday, August 14

On-Line Giving (E-Giving)

You can now give your offering on-line using your computer. For more information visit [www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online giving faq.htm](http://www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online%20giving%20faq.htm)