

Kids Helping Kids Profiles

Malawi Project







Daniel

Daniel heard about a famine in Malawi. At 11 he was in a desperate struggle with cerebral palsy. Most people would have focused inward to deal with their illness. Not Daniel. He started gathering raisins by using the allowance he received when he successfully reached his goals in physical therapy. He persuaded others to send raisins, and soon he was gathering large numbers of supplies for Malawi. On hearing his story a major food supplier shipped an entire 40-foot trailer of raisins to Malawi. He started at 11, but is now past his 21st birthday and continues to inspire others to give to aid the people of Malawi.

Andy

Andy heard about the plight of poor Malawians at the age of 9. He rushed out after church services on Sunday morning, and set up a lemonade stand, so he could give lemonade away free. As people left the church building they received a free drink and a call for donating a pair of shoes for the children. A local retail business heard what Andy was doing and donated hundreds of pair of shoes. When his campaign was done Andy had raised over 1,000 pair of shoes for the children of Malawi.

Brielle

She heard the story when members of the Malawi Project met with members of her church in Austin, Texas about helping in Malawi. She was working on a Girl Scout award and decided to use this opportunity to gather school textbooks for Malawi schools. With help from her mother, dad and other members of the congregation she was able to gather 33,000 school textbooks for school libraries. It took \$38,000 and three semi trailers to get the books to the dock for shipment to Malawi. In just 6 weeks members of her church solicited the entire amount needed to ship the books. Her efforts have led to over 1,000 schools in Malawi adding books to their libraries. In August 2013 she made a trip to Malawi with members of her church. She met and talked with teachers and school officials who proudly showed her textbooks in their schools that she had prepared and sent to them.

Nolan

It was a long road to Eagle Scout and Nolan Read had sold a lot of popcorn to raise funds for various project. Now, nearing the goal, just one more project stood between him and the



coveted award. He chose used, laptop computers for schools in Malawi. With the same vigor that had made him successful in popcorn sales, Nolan started bringing in used laptops, cleaning them up, and preparing them for shipment. Many of his laptops were sent to Malawi on one of the Malawi Project trailers, but in August 2013 Nolan, and a number of people from his church, were able to travel to Malawi with a number of laptops where he saw first hand the importance of these computers to the people of Malawi.

Be the Change

Ways to Participate

You can reach as high as your imagination, as wide as your enthusiasm, and as deep as you fathom. Look for creative ways to help, things to do, how to obtain needed goods and funds. The size of your aid package can reach whatever dimension you define. Among the things that are needed:





1. Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Families often use a single toothbrush. If one member has bleeding gums from a disease such as HIV/AIDS it is a threat to the entire family.



2. Band-aids and Gauge

Small wounds untreated can lead to major infections. Major inflections can lead to amputation, and even death. A band-aid can be the difference between recovery, and major problems.



3. Hand Soap

Hand washing is the number one way to stop infection. Many village families have no soap. A single bar, even small hotel soaps, can protect the family.

4. Aspirin and Tylenol

High fever from malaria, if unchecked, can lead to death. A simple headache can lead to unsterilized razors being used to "bleec away the pain." HIV/AIDS can easily be spread through unsterilized blades.



5. Antibiotic Ointment

A simple tube of ointment can mean a healed finger, or a serious amputation because of infection unchecked.



6. Cough Medicine

In villages, where few people have cough medicine, a simple cold can keep someone awake all night, coughing and coughing with little or no relief.



7. Rubber Gloves

Hospitals, schools, and local police often work without the protection of a simple pair of rubber gloves. HIV/AIDS becomes a critical problem for these people.

8. Pencils, Pens, and Paper

Children go to school without the needed supplies to write notes, and learn. A simple pencil helps a child gain a better education.

9. School Textbooks

Entire classes often try to study with only 1 textbook for dozens of children. Textbooks, even used ones, in English can help hundreds of children gain a better education.

10. Hand Tools

Imagine building without tools. Simple hammers, screwdrivers, saws, pliers, and other hand tools are nearly non-existent, but critically needed.

11. Eye Glasses



12. Funding

Funds are needed to buy medicine and supplies. Funds are needed to ship the supplies to Malawi. You can help get supplies to Malawi, build hospitals, and supply other needed items with the funds you raise.

These are 12 categories that need your help. Talk to your family, schoolmates, teachers, doctor, dentist, pharmacist, businessmen, community leaders, and friends. Form a group, a club, or organize within the groups, classes, and clubs in which you are already a member.

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