

MALAWI PROJECT Unique Beginning



Its foundation was hewn from the experience and insight of the village. Its views were painted in vivid color by rural preachers, unpretentious church leaders, and benevolent tribal authorities. Its course reflects what has been proven at the local level, and not what is imagined in the board room. In other words, the Malawi Project has flourished from the ground up, not the top down. Its success is determined, not by those who pull the strings, but by those who live among its deeds. It is a different kind of assistance program and is graded every day by its ability to allow the recipients to determine its mission, govern its motives, and fulfill its promises.



The Malawi Project was established in July 1999 after 6 years of evaluation. consultation, and field testing in the rural areas of central Malawi. It is chartered in the United States where it is registered as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, making it tax exempt for its contributors. Because it is registered only in the United States this purposely left an empty seat in the operational chain on the Malawi side. It would be filled by a locally governed Malawi organization that would oversee and administer the future of the program. Today, this governance by local authority completes the original vision for a new and different kind of program.

The Malawi Project

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A Strong Foundation

Over the next quarter of a century this approach has proven to be unique among humanitarian, or faith-based programs in Africa. It would be described by one community leader as, "the only organization of its kind that fulfills its promise to insure local governance, mission, and administration in its programs. No one else fully and completely allows Malawians to have full control of their organization's activities."

From the beginning the Project has focused on creating self-expression, and self-reliance in a nation that had known far too much slavery, and colonial control. Even with these two terms erased from the slate, control in new forms have continued to threaten Malawi's future. Among those are not only the need for self-expression and self-reliance, but also finding ways to overcome severe deficits in agriculture, famine relief, education, medicine, mobility, and leadership development. The Project has challenged all of these and is doing it in a way it can still offer a hand up, and not a hand-out.







Today the success of this approach is evident as the Malawi Project, and its sister Malawi organization, Action for Progress are found working in all three regions of the nation through a well organization network focused on helping the poorest of the poor to get on their feet and create a better future for all of Malawi.

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