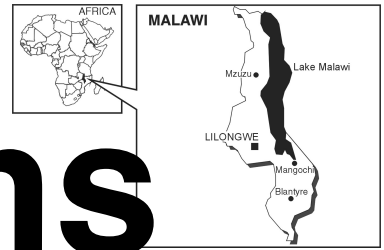


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## **SIM** Blantyre, Malawi Serving In Mission



### Moving to Malawi???

“What do you mean *moving to Malawi*??? How will you do that and what will you do? Have you seriously thought about this?” Those were the words of my parents ten months ago as I tried to explain my desire to move to Africa. We were seated in a corner booth, eating dinner in a bustling restaurant, when I shared this call God had placed on my heart. The few summers before this memorable night with my parents, I had the opportunity to travel to Tanzania where God showed me what third-world life was like. I saw many children in the same clothes day after day, walking

miles to get dirty water from the lake to drink and bathe in. I met joyful mothers working in the fields from dusk to dawn singing songs of praise for work God had provided and I fell in love with a group of orphaned girls whom I was able to befriend and share my love and hope. God had opened my eyes to such beauty and yet such poverty all at the same time. In Sub-Saharan Africa, poverty and disease have ravaged villages across the continent. 50% of the population is under the age 15 and life expectancy ranges from 38 to 44 years old.

My eyes were opened for the first time to real pain and struggle. In my life, those words seemed so light and meaningless. I am so thankful for the blessing of being raised in a Christian home and running the halls of Asbury United Methodist Church. Now, many years later, I know God asked me to GO and I know He confirmed this calling through my trips to Africa – I want to use the gifts He gave me to serve youth in Africa. I debated simply continuing the summer ministry trips, (even though I know I receive way more than I give), but God has given me the opportunity to invest my life in Malawi for the next few years. I’m going as a learner and I’m excited to experience what God is doing there!!!

### Serving In Mission- **SIM** ([www.sim.org](http://www.sim.org))

After many hours staring at the computer screen, it was apparent I needed major guidance on HOW TO GET to Africa! Thankfully through some friends, God directed me to RightNow: a mobilizing organization that connects possible missionaries to agencies that fit their skills and desired areas to serve. Through RightNow, I found SIM (Serving in Mission) based in Charlotte, NC where I spent time this fall discerning if this is where God was leading me. Because of wonderful friends and the great support and training I received, I am excited to partner with SIM!!!

## MALAWI Youth Ministry

There is an African proverb that says, "Americans wear watches on their arms but have no time in their hearts". Relationships and hospitality are the focuses of people across the great continent of Africa. With the staggering thought that over half the population of Malawi is under the age of 15, I feel blessed to serve alongside other



Christians from across the world. Through SIM, I will partner with the AEC (Africa Evangelic Church) to minister to youth in Blantyre, the biggest city in Malawi. Through organizing and coaching soccer teams, day camps and other activities at the Youth Center I will be part of a vital ministry aiding personal and spiritual growth for children. It is evident God has been developing my skills and passions for this ministry in Malawi. He has given me a love of sports to teach me about Him but also to direct my path through collegiate sports and mentoring students through coaching. Another shocking reality is

that there are a million orphans in Malawi; a country of 11 million people crammed in an area the size of Pennsylvania. Along with my sports ministry, I will also be part of the Hope for Aids project, an HIV/AIDS ministry started by SIM that meets physical and spiritual needs of those affected by the pandemic. I will work with others focused on preventing the spread of the disease through education of youth. There is a sense of urgency in this ministry from the statistic that every day almost 6,000 people die from AIDS. Praise God for the desire and opportunity to bring hope and love to situations where God is not known.

### Prayer & Financial Support

God has called me to serve Him in Malawi; YOU can JOIN me by prayer for the youth I'll meet and the relationships I'll make in Malawi! Please pray for all the transitions I'll make as well.



Would you consider supporting me financially? In order to leave in January, I need \$6,985 on account (for tickets, insurance, shots, etc.) and \$2,250 per month promised (for ministry and living expenses).

**One-time Cost: \$6,985**

**Monthly Need: \$2,250**

All donations are tax-deductible and need to be sent directly to SIM (address below). Please use the enclosed brochure (back flap) for first time gifts. For subsequent donations just attach a note with my name and "STA# 31125" and it will be added into my account.

### **CONTACT ME**

Call or email so we can set up a time to get together – I'd love to share my heart for Malawi with you in person. I will be glad to answer any questions you have about what God is doing in my life in sending me to Malawi.

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