



Malawi

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Malawi stretches two-thirds of the country's length.

Five ethnic groups make up 88% of Malawi's total population.

Maize is a staple to the Malawian diet.

HABITAT FACTS IN MALAWI

Families Served to Date
7,681 families

Construction types
HFHM houses are made of kiln-fired clay bricks, with glass windows, air vents for good ventilation and a cement tile roof. Each house has a foundation made from large stones, brick or cement. Each house includes a pit latrine to improve sanitation.

Number of Affiliates
5 affiliates

Host Months
April-October

Team Size
10-20 members

Building Together For a Better Future

The need for permanent housing in Malawi is overwhelming. An estimated four out of five families are living in substandard structures, with little hope of ever being able to afford a decent house. The typical village hut is built of mud and daub with a dirt floor and thatched roof. The agricultural use of land has caused decreased availability of grass for thatching; consequently, roofs are poorly-made and leak. Many dwellings are in constant need of repair and often serve as hosts to life-threatening diseases. Children's health living in such conditions is severely compromised, as the families focus on self-preservation rather than the future. HFHM has drastically reduced the occurrence of malaria and respiratory illnesses in children under five since its presence.



The Global Village Program

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of Malawian families in need of simple, decent places to live. You might just find your own life changed as well.

Why join a Global Village team?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in "hands-on" construction or renovation of homes in more than 14 countries in Africa and the Middle East. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable chance to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their homes transformed.



What do the volunteers say?

"Rose and I worked together throughout the day, making more than a dozen trips to the *boho* and back... she turned to me and said, "I did not know that *mzungu*, white women, could do this type of work. I thought that you all sat behind desks or stayed at home. But now I see that you are strong, black or white, we share the same blood."
Sheila Crowley, GV Team Leader, 1999-present



Logistics

HOW TO GET THERE

Most project locations can be reached by international flights to Lilongwe International Airport (LLW) or Blantyre-Chileka International Airport (BLZ).

TRANSPORTATION

Both long-distance and daily transport to and from the work site is typically in the form of a private van with a hired driver. The transport cost includes the airport pick-up and drop-off, transport to/from the host project, and daily transport to the work site.

LODGING

Teams can either stay in community or group housing with a kitchen, bathroom facilities and security, with cooks provided or in bed and breakfast style lodging in affiliate locations.

FOOD AND WATER

Breakfast and dinner will be served at the lodge or guesthouse. Lunch will be prepared and served at the build site. Bottled water is provided at all times. Please notify GV coordinator with any special dietary needs prior to arrival.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Malawi

Day 2: Arrive in Malawi; dinner and overnight

Day 3: Welcome orientation with local staff; free time; overnight at hotel

Day 4–8: Work from 8am–4pm; free time in the evenings; team activities

Day 9: Optional half-day build; free time for cultural activities

Day 10: Visit a local church and enjoy other cultural activities

Days 11: Typical work day

Day 12: Work a half-day; house dedication and farewell ceremony in the afternoon

Day 13: Depart for home

Join us in a journey of adventure — discovering joy, purpose, community, hope and life.

Start making a difference now!

