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Love a Village

We are a grassroots organization dedicated to changing the face of extreme poverty. We are the voice for the voiceless, silenced by the chasm the grip of poverty has left them in. We exist to empower villagers, not through handouts, but by working together with local leaders, coming alongside them and assisting them to live independently.

Luhomero, Malawi

Luhomero is nestled in an isolated, low-lying mountain range with a population of over 5,000. As subsistence farmers, their survival depends on what they grow. They're determined people, who's lives are changing!

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Photos and updates will be posted during our trip!

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Emma McCallum

Hello everyone, my name is Emma! I am in my last year of studying psychology at York University, and plan to enrol in nursing school after I finish my undergrad, to start a career as a nurse. I have a love for all things medical, as well as a heart for helping others. I love being a team member, whether that be on the ice during hockey, or on the ground in Malawi working with Love a Village. I would love to someday be able to see the world and travel far and wide.

I feel God has called me to step out of my comfort zone, experience a new culture, and empower, teach, and love those less fortunate than myself. When you go on a missions trip it means more than simply the tangible or visible projects that you may be participating in. When you go you are shining God's light and love to people who may not experience it the way first world citizens do.





LAV Projects

LAV works to reduce poverty and promote independence by partnering with Malawians in:

- Clean Water - boreholes and water filters
- Safe Shelter - roofing
- Food Security - farming techniques, beehives, mushrooms and so much more
- Health & Hygiene - toilets, hygiene classes
- Focus on Girls - sewing and menstrual hygiene management

Support

Prayer is essential and is the single most important gift people can give me. Financial gifts are also needed in order to enable me to go and advance LAV projects in Lhomero.

Here's how you can help:
www.loveavillage.org/donate.

Receipts issued for donations over \$25

This will be my third time returning to Malawi, so obviously I have a love for the country and all it entails. Malawian people, as I have said many times before, are outrageously caring and happy people. They shine their own light extremely bright with smiles and laughter despite living in indescribably difficult situations. They are extremely resourceful people, and with support through partnership and assistance, they will be able to escape extreme poverty. Malawi has a huge place in my heart and always will.

My goal for this trip is to participate whole heartedly in all the projects that LAV has going on right now. I want to jump in wherever and whenever I can and learn even more about what it's like to live like a villager. I am excited to say that I will be spending a night (or two) sleeping in the village, which I have never done before. This will be tremendously out of my comfort zone, but I feel that it is necessary in order for me to gain even more perspective into what it is like to live life with unmet basic needs. I am excited to see the beekeeping and mushroom farming projects in the village as they are new and yielding great results for the villagers. I want to learn about how small projects like this can make such a huge difference in the community, and be able to use this as inspiration for ideas for future projects.

I think that I share the same dream as the charity itself. I want to empower Malawians to bring themselves out of extreme poverty through a holistic and Godly approach. My dream is that the people I have grown to love will slowly but surely grow out of this state of poverty and be able to live self-sustainable, full, and happy lives.

