



# Malawi 2016

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## Love a Village Goals

Love a Village works to reduce poverty and promote self-sustainability by partnering with Malawians in five key projects:

- **Clean Water** - bore holes and household water filters
- **Food Security** - fruits, veggies, livestock, forestation and fertilizer
- **Hygiene** - toilets and wash stations, and girls hygiene classes
- **Education** - tuition scholarships, school supplies, and life skills training
- **Basic Shelter** - new construction, repair, tin roof installations

As we work, we build relationships and share the good news of Jesus' great love for us.

## Emma's goals

My ultimate goal is to help others. By going to Malawi, I'll be able to help the locals by participating in projects introducing new farming techniques, teaching girls basic sewing skills, training families to use water filters, and much more. Most importantly, I want to show the kind of love and care that I have watched my parents show so many people. I want to show God's love to people through serving and encouraging them.

Also, I really want to learn about the Malawian culture and visiting there is the best way. And I enjoy learning languages so if I could learn a Malawian native language that would be amazing!

## Any fears?

My nature is to stay at home, enjoying my relationships with family and friends. It's a big step for me to travel to such a distant and different place. Then, there are the bugs - I'm definitely afraid of meeting African bugs!



## Emma!

Why serve in Malawi? Glad you asked!

My name is Emma McCallum and I'm a Psychology major at York University with hopes of one day becoming a psychiatrist. I enjoy languages: I am fluent in English and French, and have a working knowledge of Spanish. I love spending time with children, discovering their view of the world through how they talk and play and so I enjoy serving in the nursery and toddler room at First Alliance Church.

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Love a Village works in the village of Luhomero (pop. 4,000). Malawi is known as the Warm Heart of Africa and is one of the world's poorest nations (per person GDP is only \$226.50 USD). The village of Luhomero is in Malawi's neglected northern region.

Prayer is essential. It is the single most important gift people can give me, so please pray! It is only through prayer that I will be able to accomplish all that He is asking me to do as I walk along side Him.

Financial gifts are also needed. My goal is to raise \$4,600, which will not only enable me to go but also advance Love a Village projects in Luhomero.

Here is how you can help:

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Growing up in a Christian home, I often heard about how people in my community were involved in God's mission throughout the world. Personally, though, I have always been afraid of foreign places, and am very comfortable in my home in Toronto. Recently, though, I have not been able to get the lyrics of a worship song out of my head. They say, "You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown, where feet may fail. And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand". I've felt challenged to step beyond what feels comfortable and safe to move more into the life that God has planned for me.

I feel that serving in Malawi is one way of obeying God's wishes for me. In the process, I expect I'll be building a greater and stronger relationship with Him. In addition to this, through hearing about Malawi I've become interested in the people and their culture. I'm especially excited to connect with Malawian children since I'm always happy when kids are surrounding me.

Although I've heard about other African countries that are in need of help, the moment I learned of the suffering that takes place in Malawi, I felt the urge to visit and gain a better understanding for myself. Through Love A Village I was shown the faces of Malawian children and I saw the places they call home. I was shocked by how many in Malawi lack basic things like good food, clean water, basic sanitation and housing, and access to education. I want to learn more about life in Malawi and help with some of the Love a Village projects that are empowering families in the community of Luhomero. My prayer is that in time this community will become more and more vibrant and beautiful.

I expect that learning and serving in Malawi will deepen my understanding of what God is talking about in Isaiah 58:6 - 8

"Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?  
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

I want to better understand God's heart for people who suffer and I want to bring His hope and love to them through serving and also talking about the difference only Jesus can make in our lives.