



**Together, we're making a difference!**

### Who we are

Love a Village is 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!

### Follow my team!

Photos and updates will be posted during our trip!

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### Estera Sokalska

I am a born-again Christian, who loves fitness! I met Jesus a few years ago and fell in love with Him. My life has been changed in so many ways and it's only because of Him. I really want to live my life for Him every day out of gratitude and love for what He has done for me. Of course, I am imperfect, and will fall short but His grace is enough for that too. So it's my joy to give my best!

Once you know about my love for Jesus, there are two other important things: I really enjoy food and I like getting creative with fitness routines. Simply put: Jesus + Fitness + Food = Love!

I have never been on a mission trip so pretty much everything about this experience is a huge question mark. I think that's a big part of what this experience will mean for me: trusting God with something that is a huge unknown. I have so many questions and so this is all about trusting God for each step. Overall, I truly think that this experience will humble me. I feel God's calling on this





## 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](http://www.loveavillage.org/donate).

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adventure!

The focus on Malawi really came from my church. Trinity Grace Church has a partnership with Love a Village mission and our leadership encouraged us to consider forming a team to travel to Malawi and see the ministry that's happening there firsthand. I've felt drawn to the idea of seeing what God is doing in another part of His world and sharing His love people whose culture and circumstances are so different from my own. I couldn't refuse something that has been on my heart.

My personal goals are probably similar to the goals that others have. I want to be successful in my career and be married to a godly husband. With that said, maybe my ideas about success will change because of this mission experience! I'm certainly going into this experience with a desire to grow.

We have so many material things in Canada. I know that in Malawi, people live so with very little. I really want to open my heart to change my perspective on what really matters by seeing life in Malawi. I'm open to a new way of thinking about my daily routine. I'm open to reconsidering and refocusing my choices as God opens my eyes to whole different way of living.

My dream is to fulfill Gods purpose in my life. At the end of the day, we have dreams and goals, but if it doesn't keep God first, it seems meaningless. God only wants what's best for His children!

But, I'm not looking forward to jet lag, bugs and inadequate rest.

I am eager to actually put myself on African soil, and see how they live their lives!

I know that our team will have lots to offer and the people in Malawi will share the same!

