

Fast (hide), seek (read & pray), share (talk, text, proclaim)

Our boxes were processed on December 6th, 2021 and sent on their way to Malawi. The journey has just begun so now is the time to fast and pray especially for these boxes. (Remember, it can take months for boxes to get through customs and to their final distribution location).

Monday Jan. 3rd: pray a prayer of thanks for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child, and all of the mission work they do in Malawi and across the world (they recently went and performed many surgeries for people in need).

Tuesday Jan. 4th: Pray for the partner churches that will host a shoebox distribution event. Pray for God to soften the hearts of the boys and girls to the gospel. Pray for salvation and for the multiplication of the gospel in the communities.

Wednesday Jan. 5th: Read the info about Malawi and allow God to direct your prayers for the Malawian people.

Thursday Jan. 6th: today's Bible reading is Genesis 8-9. As you read those chapters, think about how you can pray the scripture for people in Malawi and then pray that scripture for them. Example: Genesis 9:20 Noah—farmer, pray for Malawi agriculture

Friday Jan. 7th: Pray that children will enroll in the discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey." Pray they will grow in their relationship and share Christ with others.

Saturday Jan. 8th: Pray for new churches to be planted, for communities to be transformed with the power of the gospel, and for more pastors/leaders/teachers.

A little info on Malawi:

Malawi has a population of approximately 19.5 million with 82% identifying as christian (18% Roman Catholic). That means there are about 3.5 million that need Jesus (about half the population of Tennessee).

Malawi has a low life expectancy (average life of 50 years) and a high infant mortality. HIV/AIDS is highly prevalent in approximately 10% of the population. There are approximately 27,000 deaths each year from HIV/AIDS, and over half a million children orphaned because of the disease.

Malawi remains one of the poorest countries in the world despite making significant economic and structural reforms to sustain economic growth. The economy is heavily dependent on agriculture, employing nearly 80% of the population. 45% of the people live on less than \$1 a day.