



Malawi



Introduction to MALAWI

THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI is best known for Lake Malawi, a long body of water that spans much of the vertical height of this narrow country, landlocked in southeast Africa. The nation, independent from Britain since 1964, has grown in strength and stability over the past decade; unfortunately, its HIV/AIDS and poverty rates are also growing.

The MALAWIAN people

Total population:	14,268,711
Children under 15:	6,531,683
Average Life Expectancy:	43.82 years
Per capita annual income:	\$800
% children in primary school:	87.01%
Average years of education:	9 years
Literacy rate:	62.7%
Internet users:	316,100
Cell phones in use:	1.781 million

Major/official language(s):

Chichewa
Chinyanja
Chiyao
Others

Risk issues impacting children:

- A food crisis has put many children at risk.
- HIV/AIDS affects nearly a million people, including 83,000 children.
- Child abuse, sexual exploitation and child labor are serious problems, especially among girls and orphans.

More about MALAWI

Capital city:	Lilongwe
Type of government:	Multiparty Democracy
Square kilometers:	118,484
General terrain:	Narrow, elongated plateau with rolling plains, rounded hills, some mountains
Major industries/jobs:	Tobacco, tea, sugar, cement
National motto:	"Unity and Freedom"
Major airport(s):	Lilongwe

Reaching MALAWI

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian - 79.9%
Muslim - 12.8%
None - 4.3%
Other - 3%

Christian groups:

Protestant - 35.9%
Roman Catholic - 29.4%
Independent - 22.5%
Other - 9.9%
Anglican - 2.4%

Unreached People Groups: 4 (0.8% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.066

Average annual baptisms: 425,257

Foreign missionaries: 1,600
Per million: 120.97

National Christian workers/pastors: 6,000
Per million: 453.65

Number of churches/congregations: 24,840

Children's ministry in MALAWI

Overview: • In Malawi, there is a lack of trained teachers to reach the number of children. But, the ministry workers that are there – skilled or unskilled – demonstrate a genuine passion to reach and disciple children.

- Many churches have Sunday School or some other regular children's ministry program.
- Many children are orphans because of AIDS or famine, making family ministry difficult. Overall, children, especially the orphans, can be seen as a burden on society.
- Most available resources are outdated.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
24,840 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
6,531,683 children for Christ