



PROVIDING WATER + MEDICINE + EDUCATION IN THE MOST REMOTE PLACES ON EARTH

# Your Annual Newsletter



## International Christian Mission

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## Building Sustainability



by Tim Kut, Director

### Malawi's National Problem

In 2012 **Malawi** was hit by a dreadful drought, which had been affecting Southern Africa for over a year. The country declared a state of national disaster. This unexpected disaster caused a drastic decrease in maize production and dried up the few remaining water sources, thus causing hunger and severe illness, which effected many people and animals.

### The Time for Giving

Along with many other humanitarian organizations, Water & Medical Project Int'l., began regularly sending teams of missionaries, tasked with drilling new water wells, providing nutritional assistance, a children's ministry, and basic medical treatments in the areas where medicine was not accessible for most people. At such a time of desperation, this assistance saved many lives of underprivileged people who would otherwise struggled to survive.

### Dependency Syndrome

After some time serving in Malawi, we started seeing early signs of **dependency syndrome**, which causes poor and desperate people to rely on others for everyday basic needs like; water, clothing, food, education, shelter, etc., thus slowing or stopping personal development.

### Solution - Sustainability

Here at Water & Medical Project Int'l. we are called and committed to help transform the lives of children and families in the poorest and most underprivileged communities, through sustainable development and education.

We have developed a Christ-centered framework for accurate assessment on how to provide relief to the poorest; by educating, empowering and encouraging them to think and develop on their own, thus enabling them to improve their own communities and lives.

There are a few basic principles we apply by asking simple questions;

**What kind of relief is needed?** We have to understand the situation first and work with the underprivileged, not for them. Instead of primarily assessing what they need, we should note what resources God has already blessed them with that can be used to help.

**Who can offer the best help?** Those closest to the situation are responsible to help and will better understand how to help. Poverty alleviation often fails because of inadequate participation by those in poverty. Including them in their relief helps them work and take responsibility as God created them to do. The biggest resource they lack is knowledge.



### Meet Your Board Members

Our Board is a Christian group of professionals from diverse fields, but are all committed to advancing our ministry and maximizing our impact.

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PROVERBS 16:3

COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS.

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Discover God's incredible work in our annual ministry report.

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## Meet Your Board Team



**Tim Kut**  
Firefighter/Paramedic



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Attorney



**Oksana Teleten**  
Nurse Practitioner



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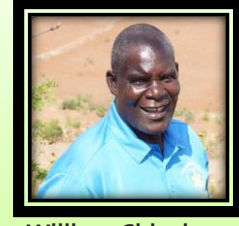
**Slavik Vakulchik**  
Registered Nurse



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P.A. Emergency Dpt.



**Eva Zakharchuk**  
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**William Chinsinga**  
Pastor/Farmer

## Progress Report

“Thus far the LORD has helped us.”  
1 Samuel 7:12



On behalf of all of us at Water & Medical Project Int'l., we would like to express a special thanks for your prayers and generous donations. It is a wonderful blessing to be able to serve those God has called us to. We are truly amazed at all God has done. As we near the end of the year, we would like to look over what has been accomplished with the help of your generous donations.

- ✓ **Acquiring Land:** As we are transitioning into more sustainable ministry in Malawi, we have purchased land in the Central Region. On this property we are planning to build a small school where local young people will learn how to provide medical treatments and drill/repair wells.
- ✓ **Phase 1 Construction:** In June we started the first phase of construction. This included building a water well, a house for short and long-term missionaries, and a perimeter wall.
- ✓ **Medical Treatments:** Our medical team spent some time in the Salima area, in the Mzuze Villages. Many people that would otherwise not have had access to medicine received medical treatments and education on disease prevention.
- ✓ **Evangelism:** With the short-term missionary group this summer we conducted several Evangelical Crusades. So many people got to hear about and experience Jesus, who can heal our body and our soul, giving us living water and eternal life.
- ✓ **Children's Programs:** Along with medical treatments we had a group of Sunday school teachers who worked with children teaching them Bible stories, doing language and arts, playing games, and singing many songs with them.



## TESTIMONIALS

For many years I dreamed of going to Africa on a medical mission. When my dream finally came true, I realized just how much I had been missing out on. It broke my heart to see so many people in remote villages without basic healthcare that we take for granted in America.



One of my first patients in the medical tent at Zuze village was a 19 year old young man, Useni, who had been burned 2 months prior to our arrival. He stole something from another resident in the village, who in turn poured fuel on Useni's body and lit him up in revenge. Useni was admitted to the hospital after the incident, and discharged after only 2 weeks of care. When this man came to us, he was obviously septic, very weak, and dehydrated. His burns were very infected, and in that moment, all I could think of was that I am not capable of treating these burns in a tiny village in rural Africa, with so little supplies and medication. But it is not our skills, western medicine, or advanced technology that can save a life. God worked a miracle, and after 3 days, Useni's wounds were healing beautifully. He was becoming stronger, and his pain was under control. We left his care to a local private clinic. A few weeks after we had returned to the States, we received pictures and videos of Useni being able to use his severely burned arms, and looking so much healthier. The best part of the story is Useni gave his life to Jesus on our last night there, and immediately went to tell another man who had stolen something about Jesus and the freedom that He gives.



Our God has the most high tech tools, the best medicine, and the strongest skill set. What we witnessed in Africa was beyond anything we would be capable of doing on our own. God has a special place



## 2019 Missionary Trip

for Africa in His heart, and the miracles He works there amaze me over and over again.



Diana

In June of 2019, I had the privilege of joining the Water and Medical team to serve in Malawi, Africa. As a Sunday school teacher, my goal was to engage and work with the children. Malawi exceeded my expectations in ways I did not imagine. Despite the children's lack of physical necessities, they couldn't be more pleased with what little they had. We'd talk about the greatness of God's love and how he had created us all equally in His image; yet from time to time they would still be surprised when they found similarities between us. As the kids eagerly crawled up to sit on our laps we would catch them counting our fingers, and then their own, looking at each other in awe as they discovered these equalities. Involving ourselves in their modest lifestyle for that one short month portrayed the grace of God in a new aspect. Loving on the little ones who are now engraved in our minds only enhanced the significance of our heavenly Father's love towards us all



Erina

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT MALAWI

- ✓ **80 percent** of the population lives in rural areas.
- ✓ There is only one doctor for every 50,000 individuals.
- ✓ The median age for Malawians is 16.4 years.
- ✓ More than **one million** Malawi children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS.
- ✓ Malawi ranks third among the world's poorest countries.
- ✓ Due to poverty, poor access to health care, disease, and food shortage, the average life expectancy for a Malawian is 53 years.

For more testimonials and videos please visit our website  
[www.waterandmedical.org](http://www.waterandmedical.org)



I have always had a desire to go to Africa and prayed that I would be able to go one day. When I heard there was a group going this year, I felt that God was opening up a chance for me to go. I was very excited and thought we were going to change people's lives and make a difference. I realized that God worked in our group instead. It was such a life-changing experience, and my whole perspective just shifted. These people who had so little had so much joy. They live each day, not knowing their future but trusting that God will see them through. It made me just slow down and experience God in the everyday moments. Africa truly has a place in my heart, and I would love to go and serve once more.



Mariya



young girls fetching cleanest available water



carring water more than 4 miles



repairing water well in remote village

**If you would like to find out how you can be involved in this life changing ministry, please visit us at:**

[www.waterandmedical.org](http://www.waterandmedical.org)

My experience in Malawi this summer has been one that I will never forget. The brothers and sisters of Malawi have so much love to offer.



From the locals in Africa I personally learned what it means to have pure joy. They are the happiest people I have seen, regardless of their poor environment and situation, and they choose to be content in what is given. I am very thankful I got to experience such a beautiful place, and they truly great things God is doing in Malawi. I also got to be involved in medical tents and was able to help those in need of healing. This was a whole new outlook into the medical field, where all hands are on deck. Everyone in the medical tent had their own knowledge being put to use, and it was very interesting hearing people's complaints out loud. I got to spend a wonderful time with the team and cherished all our conversations. I am grateful we got to experience Africa all together like a family. Coming back home I still have the sounds of the beautiful songs Malawians sing. I think everyone needs to experience Africa for themselves. God willing, I'm sure I will be back.

Mikhaela

## Your Annual Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of Water & Medical Project Int'l., we would like to thank you for your contribution and your continued support. Your financial commitment has allowed us to continue with our mission to provide water, medicine, and the Good News of Salvation to the poorest and most remote tribal areas of Malawi Africa. **Every gift makes an impact and every donor makes a difference.**

The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make an impact in building a better world.

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**We thank you and pray for your continuous support!**