

BLESSINGS HOSPITAL



Delivering quality health care to the community in order that they may glorify God and his Son, Jesus Christ.

Tucked away in southeast Africa is the tiny nation of Malawi. Boasting a population of nearly 15 million, Malawi is known as the “warm heart of Africa.” Visitors to Malawi always receive large smiles and open arms. Small villages dot the landscape and most of her citizens are subsistence farmers.

Yet Malawi is one of the poorest nations on earth, with a crumbling health care system. The government-run health care is understaffed, underfunded, and lacks many essential drugs & supplies. Malawi

has the 11th highest infant mortality rate in the world and there is only 1 doctor per 100,000 citizens. The entire nation has only 15 surgeons.

One of the ways the body of Christ is making a difference in Malawi and extending the love of Jesus is through the ministry of Blessings Hospital. As a Christian place of compassion, Blessings seeks to provide quality health care so that people may glorify God. Our facility is blessed to have excellent equipment and supplies to provide for the needs of the people. In addition to our multi-building campus, we work with local churches to provide health clinics and a mobile pharmacy as a ministry of the church.

Blessings was excited to recently open the next phase, our surgical Center and labor & delivery unit. Although Malawian owned and operated hospital, Blessings has been a perfect place for American volunteers to partner together with our Malawian counterparts to offer Christian compassion in Jesus’ name.



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is a 92 bed facility that includes the following:

- Outpatient Clinic
- Pharmacy
- Laboratory
- Men, Women, and Children wards
- Under 5 clinic
- Surgical center
- Labor & Delivery
- Full electrical back up
- Sterilization equipment
- Dental
- Cafeteria
- Community education classroom



Newly outfitted two-room operating suite

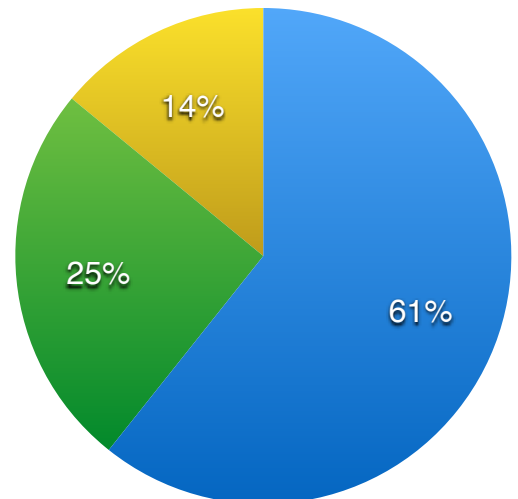


Blessings Hospital works very hard to keep patient fees extremely affordable so that anyone can access proper health care. Your financial supports helps us to continue to keep fees as low as possible.

For a consultation at Blessings Hospital...
a patient will pay 300 Kwacha =

75¢

**IN 2013, BLESSINGS HOSPITAL
INCOME WAS**
61% PATIENT FEES
25% LOCAL SUPPORT
14% SUPPORT FROM USA



BLESSINGS HOSPITAL STAFF

Blessings Hospital is staffed with Malawian medical professionals and is also assisted by a medical missionary from the U.S.A.

HAROLD BANDA- HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

Trained as a nurse midwife at the Malawi College of Health Sciences, Harold has a passion for growing the hospital and working towards its success. He works closely with his American contacts in coordinating visiting medical teams and provides logistical support.



Harold Banda



Chimwemwe Kateka

CHIMWEMWE KATEKA- CLINICAL OFFICER

The Malawi medical system depends heavily on the clinical officer to help take care of the nation. They are trained to do a little bit of everything, including c-sections. Chimwemwe (meaning "joy" in the local language of Chichewa) has been with Blessings since 2010. He is a compassionate Christian man who deeply cares for his patients and their spiritual well-being.

DR. BRUCE SMITH- AMERICAN MEDICAL MISSIONARY

Sent by the Landmark Church of Christ in Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. Smith and his wife Beth have been in Malawi since 2010. The Smith's were burdened by the HIV epidemic and the need for the church to raise up and respond with compassion. Dr. Smith spends time teaching and equipping churches in community health evangelism. He is also developing a model community project in a village called Kasitu.



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NAPOLEON DZOMBE- OWNER

A Malawian business man, traditional chief, and church elder, Napoleon is an extremely generous man. He has a deep conviction that Malawi should be empowered to work itself out of poverty and not be dependent on handouts. Mr. Dzombe has created hundreds of jobs, mostly in the agriculture and food processing industries. Napoleon uses his resources and wealth to provide for the poor and even provide food during famines. His vision for Blessings Hospital and the American partnerships have provided care for thousands.

OTHER STAFF

Lab Tech / Registered Nurses / Nurse midwives / Cleaners / Administrative / Garden
Mobile Unit: Medical Officer, Driver



- Sponsor a Malawian medical professional, \$250 per month
- Donation of quality medical supplies or equipment
- One-time contribution for construction of on-sight staff housing & other infrastructure improvements
- Volunteer on an upcoming medical trip

PARTNERING NEEDS

PHILOSOPHY

Blessings Hospital was founded as a Christian witness to serve the Lumbadzi area and the central region of Malawi by offering excellence in health care services. The philosophical approach to health care is centered on Christian principles.

- **Holistic Care**

We believe that real holistic care encompasses physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. In all circumstances, God is the real healer. Without the compassionate touch of God, physical health care does very little. Our aim is to work with local churches to provide both the spiritual and physical care that people need. Local churches are the primary provider of spiritual nourishment on a weekly basis in the community. By partnering together, we believe that healthy churches lead to healthy communities and healthy bodies.

- **Love & Compassion**

Because our God is full of love and compassion, we seek to replicate what he offers to us. We want every conversation, touch of compassion, and medical service offered to be done in love. Therefore, all Blessings Hospital staff and volunteers will be expected to model the ministry of Jesus in all they say and do. We encourage staff & volunteers to pray with and for their patients. We will administer the very best treatment to every patient, regardless of religion, gender, or financial status.

- **Excellence in Standards**

It is our aim at Blessings Hospital to be in full compliance with the current best practices and the laws of the government of Malawi. All full-time and volunteer staff have the appropriate permits and licenses from the regulatory bodies of Malawi. Only up-to-date materials, infection prevention, guidelines, and best practices will be observed and followed in the facility.

- **Mobile Clinics**

One avenue of partnership with local churches is to provide regular mobile clinics located in strategic churches. These clinics are selected based on their proximity to Blessings Hospital, the need of the community for health services, and the ability and willingness of the local church to engage their community. We desire our medical ministry to be an extension of the local church.

- **Hospital Facility**

Not all medical treatment can be provided in mobile clinics. When further treatment is necessary, patients are referred to Blessings Hospital (or other appropriate facility). We seek to offer excellence in clinical, laboratory, dental, maternity, pediatric, radiology, pharmaceutical, and surgical care. Blessings Hospital has been the recipient of equipment needed in Malawi to offer these services.

- **Surgical Care**

Through the willingness of American Christians to support and offer assistance to Blessings Hospital, visiting surgical teams from abroad will come periodically to offer specialized surgical care. Our surgical facility is a first-class environment suitable for international specialists to perform procedures with the equipment they need. These visiting specialists also offer opportunities for Malawi personnel to grow in their medical skills and practice.

- **Education**

The best medical care is preventive care, providing current information and training of the community in preventive measures to keep families healthy. This begins with our under-5 clinic, teaching mothers how to best care for their children. We seek to train midwives who can work alongside Blessings Hospital. We also offer HIV education in seminars with local churches to learn how to confront this disease.



Contact

For more information about Blessings Hospital, to donate, or to put your name on a list of medical professionals interested in traveling on a surgical team in the future, please contact:

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