



Malawi Children's **MISSION**

Presentation Outline

LIST OF TOPICS

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Organizing a Team

Malawian Culture & Climate

Traveling Essentials:

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- health info
- technology
- accomodations

Important Documents

Resources

Contact Information

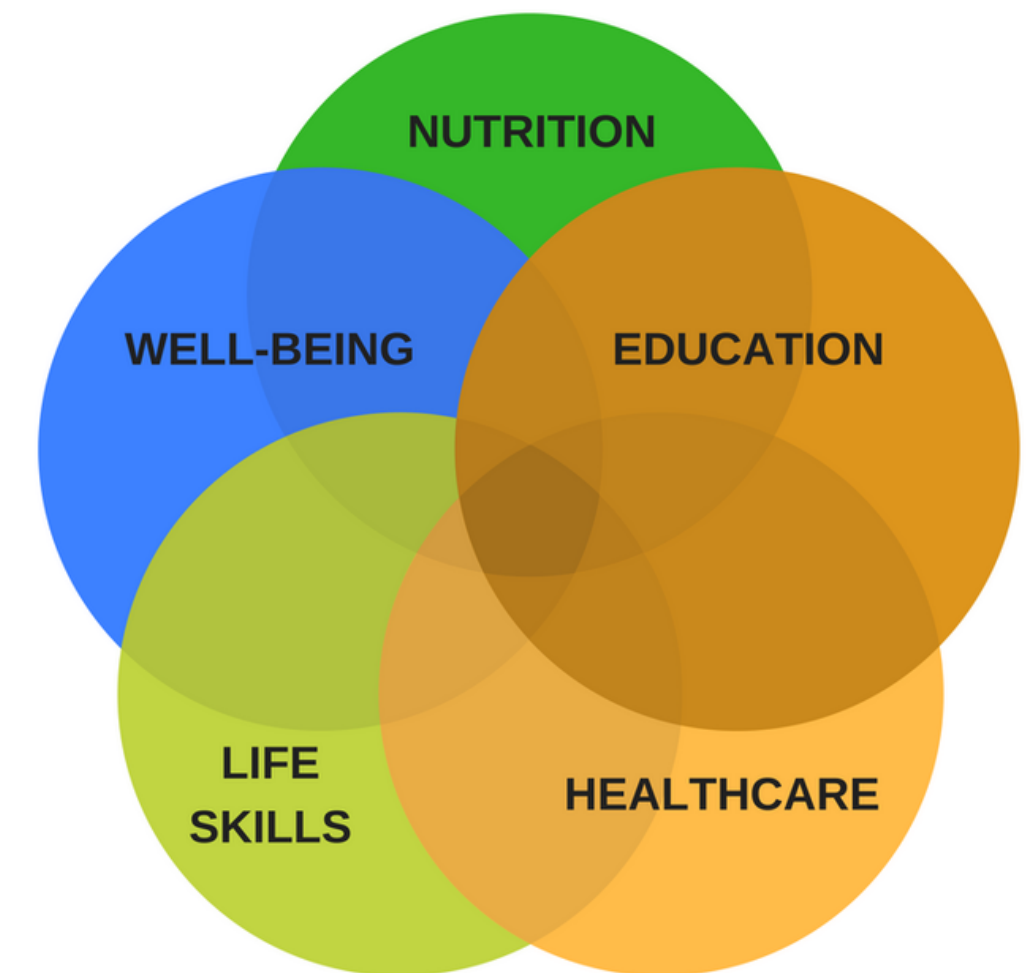


MCM



A Christian non-profit organization that serves orphaned children in southern, rural Malawi. Our mission: to provide vulnerable children with their basic needs so they THRIVE. In addition, by providing life skills training in the form of career counseling, goal coaching, spiritual education and business development the children have the opportunity to fulfill their life's purpose and become independent, contributing members of the community.

www.malawichildrensmmission.org





IT TAKES A VILLAGE

MCM is not an orphanage. The orphaned and vulnerable children we serve live with guardians in the 3 surrounding villages. MCM programs provide basic needs to alleviate pressure on a single parents, siblings or family members who have few resources available.

PROGRAMS



Nutrition

1500 meals/week
Weekday breakfast and lunch served to provide proteins and nutrients to aid in physical and mental development.



Education

PreK - Univeristy
Providing each child the opportunity to attend school through college. On-site independent school, MCM Academy for students Prek - STD 8.



Medical Care

Access to Care
On site nurse to conduct regular health assessments, detect & treat diseases plus prevention and first aid.

PROGRAMS CONT.

Emotional Support Love at the Heart

Malawi's orphans suffer from tremendous psychological and emotional trauma. Trained staff provide counseling and love.

Life Skills Training Empowerment

Programs like the Young Women's & Young Men's Initiatives provide mentorship, business skills development and spiritual education opportunities.



Why Volunteer?

Regardless of your motivation, the experience volunteering at MCM is both challenging and rewarding. The impact of the work is felt by our children, staff, the community and YOU!

The goal for individuals or teams volunteering at MCM is to first ask the question "What does MCM need?" In partnership we'll develop programs which utilize your talents and passions to compliment MCM's mission of providing opportunity to the children we serve.

You'll learn together and find ways to fuel the local economy. Get ready to have your life changed.

10 Questions to ask yourself?

LINK

Organizing a Team

1 1/2 years prior

Confirm available dates &
potential program needs
w/ US Director

9 months prior

Invoice and waiver sent to
team members
1/3 deposit due
Begin team meetings

3 months prior

Apply for Visa through US
Embassy
Final payment due

1 year prior

Interview team members
to assess interest & talents
- recommend <20
Finalize by 9 months prior

6 months prior

Book air travel
Purchase medical & travel
insurance
Visit medical travel clinic
1/3 payment due

Malawian Culture

Known as "The Warm Heart of Africa" the people are friendly and giving. Living in one of the poorest countries in the world there is a deep sense of family and community.



LINK

Climate

WINTER



May - August

Cool & dry

65* - 82*

SUMMER



September-October

Hot & humid

73* - 90*

RAINY



November - April

March & April very rainy

72* - 85*

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS

7:30 am - 12 pm MCMA in session
1 - 3:15 pm YWI & YMI, Study
Circles, Recreation, Teacher
planning

FRIDAYS

7:30 - 12 pm MCMA in session
1:15 - 2:15 pm Cleaning
2:15 - 3:15 Bible Study

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

7:30 am - 12:00 pm MCMA in session
1:00 - 3:00 pm MCMA in session

EVERY WEEKDAY

8 - 8:30 am Porridge Breakfast
12:00 - 1:15 pm Lunch
3:15 pm Assembly then dismissal





Malawi Academic Schedule 2019-20

Term 1:

Sept 19, 2019 - Dec 20, 2019

Term 2:

Jan 6, 2020 - April 3, 2020

Term 3

April 20, 2020 - July 24, 2020

Final exams July 8 - 18



WHAT TO BRING

Packing List [HERE](#)

- Dress in layers
- Recommended 2 categories of outfits one for center, the other for lodge
- Ask that participants dress conservatively
- Team members to work cooperatively to maximize luggage space for personal items and supplies

HEALTH INFO

Consult your primary care physician or local travel clinic for vaccines and medications required.

Links to:

[CDC/Malawi](#)

[HIV & AIDS in Malawi](#)





TECHNOLOGY INFO

At MCM

Electricity is solar powered and used to light the medical center, the computer lab and water pump. During IT classes students have access to the internet.

[Guest cannot access electricity or WiFi while at the center.]

For Teams

Be sure to charge any devices you take to the center. There is electricity and free WiFi at Annie's Lodge though connection is not reliable.

Review [LINK](#) for adapter and phone use information.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Be treated like family at Annie's Lodge in Blantyre, a 45 minute drive from MCM's center. Clean accommodations, 2 people to room with private bathroom. Breakfast served daily and unlimited bottled water available from water coolers. To Go lunches taken to center. Dinners between Annie's and Hosteria.

Annie's Lodge Link



flights & Payment

BOOKING FLIGHTS

Team Leader to provide dates.

To book flights & purchase travel insurance contact Deborah Kropp
travelbydeborah@earthlink.net
510-527-2800

You will need to provide:

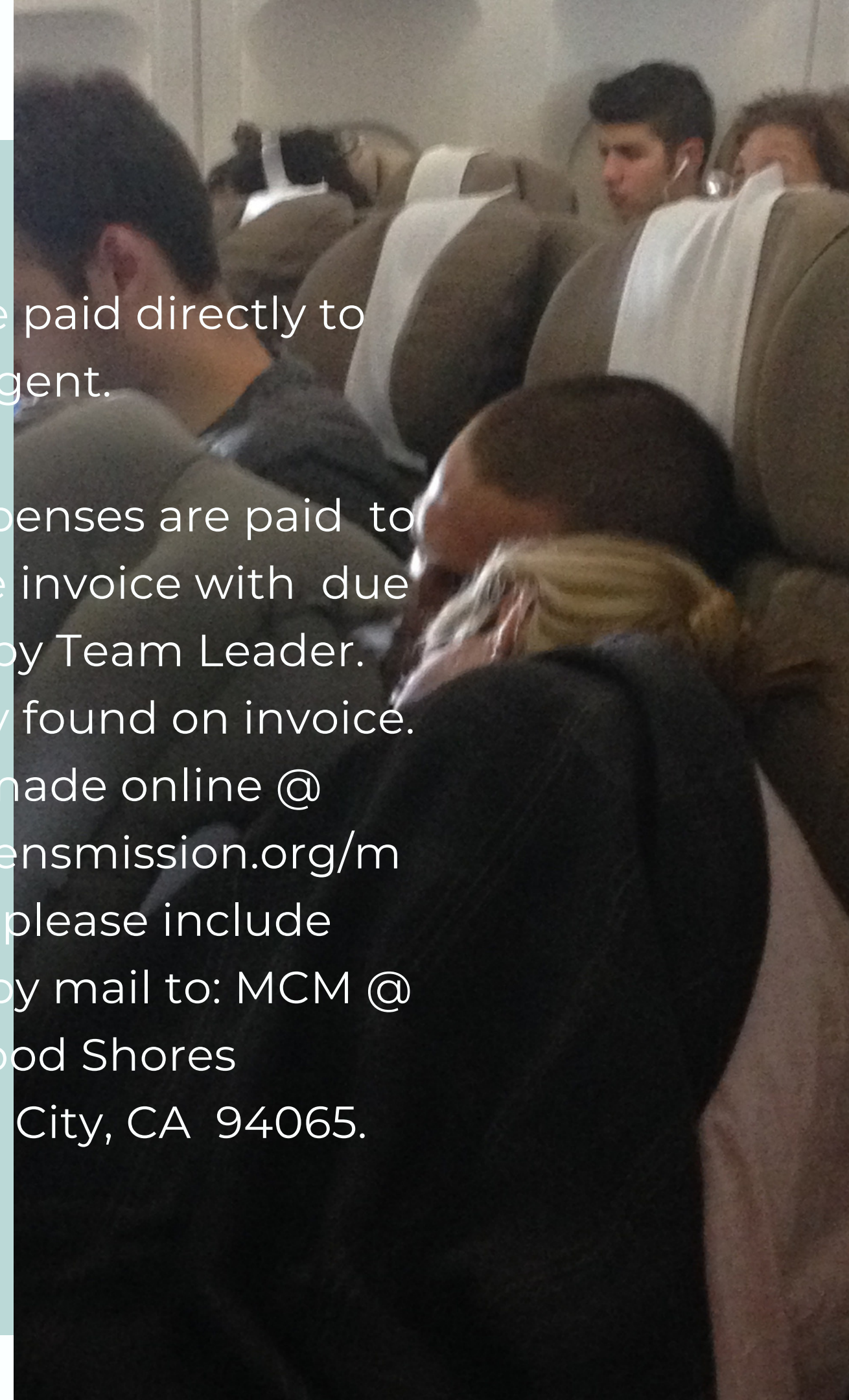
home and cell phone number
name as it appears on passport
date of birth
passport number and expiration
flight preferences; seat, meals
reward numbers, TSA, Global Entry
emergency contact information
billing address

PAYMENTS

Flight expenses are paid directly to travel or booking agent.

On-the-Ground expenses are paid to MCM based on the invoice with due dates determined by Team Leader.

Cancellation policy found on invoice.
Payments can be made online @
www.malawichildrensmission.org/malawi-2020-teams (please include processing fee) or by mail to: MCM @
Box 313, 274 Redwood Shores
Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065.



Documentation



Waiver

Link



Invoice

*Pricing based on
number of
participants, travel
dates and costs in
country*

Sample



*Visa
Requirements*

*If traveling with
children <18 check
country requirements
for documentation.*

Application Link

RESOURCES

Book: "Foreign to Familiar" by Sarah A. Lanier

Article: "Africa vs. The USA: A Secondhand Clothing Showdown"

Movie: "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" 2019 Netflix (see trailer)

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Documentary: "I AM Because We Are" 2008 about AIDS orphans in Malaw produced by Madonna @ <https://youtu.be/PrZMwi0g-hc>



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