



WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Many of you have talked about what a transforming experience the Mexico Missions Trip has been in your lives.

We are fortunate to have another awesome opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others in a disadvantaged part of the world. Piedmont Community Church is organizing a 7th Youth Mission trip to Africa. First, we will travel to Mponela, Malawi to partner with a long time friend that works with aids orphans in a feeding center widows ministry and a school for the blind.

From there, we will visit and work at a rural Presbyterian Hospital in Nkhoma where we will do work projects and travel with mobile clinics. The third leg will be to visit our sister church of Kafita in Lilonwe, Malawi for work with the youth as well as a widows' farming venture.

We will participate in services one Sunday and do a home stay. From there, we will travel to Zambia where we will take in a safari.

HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?

We will fly to Europe, then Johannesburg South Africa and on to Malawi and Zambia. Our ground travel will be via chartered vans and small busses with local drivers.

WHERE WILL WE STAY?

We stay in local hotels and guest houses. Our accommodations will be modest, but safe. We will spend one night (in pairs) with a family from Kafita Church as guests in their home in Lilongwe.

WHO CAN GO?

Junior or senior high school students for the 2018-19 school year welcomed. Participation in the Piedmont Church Mexico Mission Trip at least twice required. Participants should have a desire to pursue their relationship with Christ by serving others in need.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

There will be two adults that will lead the trip. Rev. Scott Kail, who has 25 years experience in international missions, and another adult from the church

TRIP DATES

Early June, 2018 - Depending on the needs of our group, the trip will last roughly 2 1/2 weeks. This includes all travel and the 2-day stay in a game preserve in Zambia.

SHOTS & PASSPORTS

We will all need a battery of shots. Please consult cdc.gov/travel/malawi and Tanzania for specifics.

Valid passports a must.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Cost is \$5,000 per person. Covers all of our expenses - travel, meals, lodging and activities. We find it easier and safer to pay for everything as a group. Also includes approximately \$100 per person used for ministry gifts and supplies for the missions distributed at the discretion of the students. We will hold fundraisers to raise money to give away and each student sends support letters, seeking sponsorship for the trip.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Each participant is required to purchase trip insurance, which covers any medical needs. If there is a need, medical evacuation is available to Europe or South Africa

IS IT SAFE IN AFRICA?

Yes. Malawi is a small sub Saharan country that is famous for its moniker, *the warm heart of Africa*. Its lack of natural resources keeps it off the most desirable list for unrest. The utmost caution and reliability is taken for the rest of the travel.

LIVING CONDITIONS

You will be in a third-world climate, so things will be different. Many of the creature comforts are not available. Also, the agendas tend to be changed and adjusted frequently, so there is a need flexibility.

There will be flush toilets and running water in most places, but just like in Mexico, you will brush teeth with - and only drink - bottled water.



Rev. Scott Kail has 25 years experience in international missions with students

WHY AFRICA?

In the summer of 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2016, we took trips to Malawi and Lesotho establishing relationships and building a strong foundation for future trips. These will change the lives of both those in Africa and the students that participate in our missions trips.

Senior Minister William McNabb came to Piedmont Community Church with experience in mission work in Malawi. As an outgrowth of his work there, the church has developed a sister church relationship with Kafita Church in Malawi.

The fifth-poorest country in the world, Malawi, is politically stable but struggles with on-going problems of hunger and disease. It has a large Christian community whose members daily demonstrate how to face challenges with grace and humor.

You will be warmly welcomed and will be performing needed work. You will have an opportunity to learn about a remarkable culture and to personally experience the great love and respect the Malawian people have shown previous groups from Piedmont.

Applications available at PiedmontChurch.org beginning February 14, 2018.

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