

Malawi

Mission at Work

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeast Africa that was formerly known as Nyasaland. It is bordered by Zambia to the northwest, Tanzania to the northeast and Mozambique, which surrounds it on the east, south and west. The country is separated from Tanzania and Mozambique by Lake Malawi. It is about the size of Pennsylvania with an estimated population of more than 13,900,000.

Malawi is among the world's least developed and most populated countries. The economy is heavily based in agriculture, with a largely rural population. Malawi has a low life expectancy and high infant mortality. There is a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS.

The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian is the largest religious body in Malawi. The Presbytery of Northern New York has for many years partnered with the Synod of Livingstonia in northern Malawi with offices in the northern regional capital of Mzuzu. Under the leadership of the Rev. Levi Nyondo, their General Secretary, the synod has 900,000 members, and operates schools, hospitals, a university.

The Rev. Paul and Darlene Heller, are missionaries sponsored by the Presbytery of Northern New York to direct the Crisis Nursery of the Ministry of Hope in Mzuzu. Other Presbyterian missionaries in the Synod of Livingstonia serve as theological college faculty, community health specialists, and physicians.