

## **Chuck Monts – Malawi Mission**

To support the Visioning committee's 2023 goal of attacking Food Insecurity, we want to draw attention to the mission work that Rev. Chuck Monts is involved with in Malawi. Many of you may remember him from when he was called and installed pastor at Hollidaysburg Presbyterian Church. Our cash offering in June will go to Malawi causes suggested by Chuck Monts.

Relating to hunger, Chuck reports that they are trying to get a Food Pantry started for students and their families connected to the seminary. They understand they cannot help the 80% of villagers near and farther out in even more rural areas who do not have enough food until the maize begins to be harvested in May, but hope they can help the 40 students and their families. In addition, emergency food may be given from the food pantry by chaplains, Palliative care visitation teams and two service organizations they support. They also know people personally who need food.

In addition to being a guest instructor at the seminary, Chuck is branching out into other projects: working with the Hospital Chaplains to see if we can get a pilot A.A. program off the ground before he departs in December. He is also planning what will probably be his final Big Bike Ride from the northern tip to the southern tip of Malawi, beginning July 16th, he plans to travel 625 miles on a one-speed bike, most likely (the kind thousands of men use to make a living, hauling unbelievably heavy loads of wood, animals, vegetables, anything). This bike trip will hopefully help 3-4 different organizations raise money from their separate constituencies, but here in Nkhoma, the seminary and *Alinafe*, an organization that serves 1800 elderly and handicapped people in 18 villages surrounding Nkhoma.

You may learn more about the missions Chuck works with in Malawi by checking out their website at <https://montsmalawimission.org/>. You can also join their Facebook Group - Monts' Malawi Mission. Any donation will end up being a huge donation in Malawi.

As previously mentioned, our offering for each Presbytery meeting in 2023 will go to support a specific food-related mission. Give Beth Raney or a member of CoPL suggestions for the recipients of an offering this year.

– Beth Raney, Committee on Presbytery Life