Help Us Help Them

We need your help. Because our project is small and hands-on, costs are extremely low. Your financial support will help us help them. Your money will bring about a brighter future for the lives of people in Malawi.

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Two Dutch doctors in Africa need your help to help the Malawians.

We, Wieger (paediatrician) and Ellen (psychiatrist) are a married couple from the Netherlands. We are in Malawi to address the dire needs of Malawians and their healthcare in three concrete, hands-on ways.

1) We provide essential basic physical and mental healthcare.
2) We educate future Malawian medical professionals, to lift the standard of care.
3) Wieger participates in, and guides local clinical research to advance the state of medical knowledge in malnutrition, a WHO defined worldwide problem (UN millennium goal 4).
Your support means medical treatment for 9,000 very sick children every year. It also doubles the availability of psychiatric care in Malawi. In addition, your support provides funds for educating medical students and (mental) health professionals. Your financial aid will add five new pediatricians and triple the number of psychiatrists two years down the road.

The Republic of Malawi is a landlocked country in southeast Africa. The Malawian population is more than 15 million, like Holland or Florida. Malawi is the 7th poorest country in the world. In Malawi there is 1 doctor per 50,000 people. Consider, in comparison, that the average Western country has 1 doctor per 350 people. In all of Malawi there are merely 3 psychiatrists - to serve the entire country.

Many families still lack access to sufficient basic healthcare. Hunger is a widespread problem. Life expectancy is estimated at 51 in Malawi, especially due to the high prevalence of HIV and AIDS. One out of nine adults is HIV positive and 700,000 children are now orphans because their parents have died of AIDS-related illnesses. Malawi is number 11 on the world’s ranking list of infant mortality rates: 80 deaths for 1,000 births.

Wieger and Ellen work as senior lecturers at the Queen Elisabeth Hospital. This is the only academic hospital in Malawi and the biggest referral hospital in the country’s southern region. They work as medical specialists providing essential pediatric and mental healthcare. Doctors for Malawi engage in sustainable developmental aid by teaching medical students and future Malawian specialists in Malawi’s College of Medicine. Additionally, Wieger will join pediatric malnutrition research. By trying to unravel the pathophysiology behind malnutrition, he will contribute to bringing closer the 4th WHO millennium goal: reducing childhood mortality.