

# THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK

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*The mission of the Presbytery of Northern New York is to witness, with love, to Jesus Christ in word and deed. The Presbytery is called to inspire and support the growth of leaders and congregations in their ministry and mission for Christ.*

September 16, 2019

*“For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” – 2 Corinthians 8:9*

Dear Presbytery Friends,

Earlier this year, the Council heard your concerns about the financial sustainability of the Presbytery and began working on a new funding model that will allow us to engage in vibrant ministry for years to come. We believe that the Presbytery of Northern New York is experiencing a Pentecost moment. God’s Spirit has been poured out upon us, bringing growing health and renewed vitality to our congregations. Local churches are working with consultants, engaging in the “New Beginnings” process, and taking the Congregational Assessment Tool to learn more about who they are and where God is calling them to go and grow. Our Commission on Ministry is exploring a new leadership model and sharing helpful guidance for churches in transition. Through the new Presbytery Financial Oversight Committee, Council, Trustees, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary are working collaboratively to manage assets. Key to all these important changes has been the leadership of our Resource Presbyter Rev. David Bennett, who has led us through a “Moving Forward Together” journey that has given birth to a clear vision for our ministry in service to Jesus Christ.

Flowing forth from that first Pentecost moment, faithful apostles planted churches far and wide among Gentile neighbors who were hungry for good news. From the beginning, faithful people shared generously to sustain the ministry of Jesus Christ. Indeed, Paul’s second letter to the church in Corinth may be the earliest evidence of a stewardship appeal. The mother church in Jerusalem was going through tough times. Help was needed, so Paul turned to the fledgling congregations in Greece with a persuasive plea for generous giving.

Paul taught those first Christians that their role model for giving was Jesus, who poured out his life in service to others, even suffering death upon the cross that they might know the true riches of eternal life with God. How many of us have ever thought of our giving to Presbytery as an annual opportunity to be Christ-like, to share generously of ourselves for the healing and salvation of others? There isn’t any record of just how much the Corinthians contributed to the needs of the Jerusalem saints, but we do

know that the persuasive Paul - and the example of Jesus - opened their hearts and their hands. The need was met. The church endured tough times, thrived, and grew. Thanks be to God!

Included with this letter, you will find a new pledge card that reflects three ways for your church to support the connectional ministry of our denomination.

- The **Per Capita** assessment has been established at \$30 per member. This “head tax” benefits the work of the PCUSA General Assembly, the Synod of the Northeast, and the Presbytery.
- We also ask you to make a new pledge to Presbytery, just as members make an annual pledge of support to their local church. We hope your gift will be significant. This new **Presbytery Pledge** will sustain the dream of having a Resource Presbyter and adequate staffing to support our increasingly vital ministries. With the shared giving of 35 congregations, we hope to raise \$41,000 through the Presbytery Pledge. For creative ideas on funding your pledge, be sure to check out the Council’s video presentation “Sustaining the Dream,” accessible through the Presbytery website.
- Your annual **Mission Gift** will benefit the two mission outreaches of the Presbytery of Northern New York: Ministries in the North Country (MINC) and the Watertown Multi-ethnic New Worshipping Community. For other non-Presbytery missions, we encourage you to give directly to those concerns, beginning in 2020.

We thank you for your commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ across the Presbytery of Northern New York. We are ready and willing to provide you with any support needed to understand and interpret for your session the new funding model of the Presbytery. It’s a Pentecost moment, friends. We trust that you will join us in sustaining the dream of a healthy, vibrant, and growing Presbytery.

In Christ,

Presbytery Coordinating Council

Rev. Joann White, Linya Bell, Rev. Libby Moses, Connie Martin,  
ex officio members: Piet Visscher and Rev. David Bennett



## 2020 Church Per Capita & Pledge Form

The Presbytery of Northern New York  
311 Franklin St Room B ~ Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

PIN \_\_\_\_\_

**Per Capita:** 2020 Per Capita is set at \$30.00 per member, based on membership reported for 2018. The breakdown for Per Capita is \$8.95 to the General Assembly, \$4.10 to the Synod of the Northeast, and \$16.95 stays with the Presbytery.

2018 Membership Reported \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00      **Total Due in 2020 \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presbytery Pledge \*NEW\*:** Your church pledge will sustain the dream of having a Resource Presbyter and adequate staffing to support our increasingly vital ministries. Please visit [www.presbyteryofnny.org](http://www.presbyteryofnny.org) and watch the "Sustaining the Dream" presentation with your session to learn more about this pledge. Goal for 2020 is \$41,000.

**Presbytery Pledge for 2020: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Gift \*SIGNIFICANT CHANGE\*:** In 2020, only Ministries in the North Country [MINC] and the Watertown Multi-Ethnic Community [WMEC] will be supported as a pass through from churches. Please see *PNNY Mission Support Opportunities* and *Malawi Missions Brochures* for information on supporting other programs historically supported through general mission giving by churches. Goal for 2020 is \$16,000 (\$10k for MINC and \$6k for WMEC).

**Mission Gift for 2020: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please divide our gift proportionately between each entity
- ☐ We would like to designate our gift in the following manner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special/Churchwide Offerings:** In 2020, we ask that you remit all special offerings *directly to the Presbyterian Mission Agency*. Please send your check(s), noting the names the offering and your church name and address to: Presbyterian Church(USA) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Church Contact Information:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ **Please keep a copy of this Pledge Form** for your records.

⇒ **QUESTIONS?** Contact the Presbytery Office [nnypresbytery@gmail.com](mailto:nnypresbytery@gmail.com) 315-713-4343 or Bookkeeper Mary McGreevy [mcgreevyenterprisesinc@gmail.com](mailto:mcgreevyenterprisesinc@gmail.com) 315-244-2316



## PNNY Mission Support Opportunities in 2020

For the past decade, General Mission giving in the presbytery has been slowly declining, yet the desire to support mission beyond the doors of our churches remains strong. In 2018 and 2019, the Mission committee was able to maintain high levels of mission support due to accumulated reserves from prior years given for mission that needed to be spent on mission. These funds will be depleted by the end of 2019.

In response to this decline and with an eye on future sustainability of PNNY's strong mission emphasis, the Coordinating Council decided that in 2020 we will experiment with several changes. These changes include:

1. Asking churches to reconsider their **MISSION GIFT** and divide it into two categories:
  - **Mission directly related to our presbytery and *paid through our presbytery*.** These include Ministries in the North Country [MINC] to support the infrastructure for both the Rural Rehab and Emergency Fund programs and the Watertown Multi-Ethnic Community [WMEC] which is an official New Worshipping community church plant led by Rev. Sarah Lee. The goal for funding these presbytery missions is \$16,000 [\$10k for MINC and \$6k for the WMEC].
  - **Mission beyond our doors *paid directly to the mission entity*.** These include the various *international mission endeavors in Malawi* [see "Malawi Missions" booklet to read about each of the seven ways PNNY continues to support mission work in this country], and the *Regional Mission Partners* [see "Regional Mission Partners" sheet] we have supported in recent years to serve people in need throughout the North Country.
2. Asking churches to "Sustain the Dream" of our current staffing model through a **PRESBYTERY PLEDGE**. This pledge will enable us to continue the model that is having a direct impact on churches as they seek to be effective in their mission and ministry context. Please reference the Coordinating Council letter to churches and the presentation of the Council's "Dream Team" which can be viewed by following the link on our presbytery website [www.presbyteryofnny.org](http://www.presbyteryofnny.org) or using this direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h6b4Zdm8lE&feature=youtu.be>

The Coordinating Council recognizes that every church has a tradition of supporting ministry beyond their doors and that for some this will be a welcome change and for others a complicating shift. In the end, the Council believes this is a faithful response to help maintain consistent and sacrificial support for mission beyond our doors.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the Coordinating Council if you would like further explanations or assistance for your session in making these decisions.

## PNNY MISSION GIFT

In 2020 your **MISSION GIFT** will support the following two missions directly related to our presbytery. The Coordinating Council asks that you prayerfully consider supporting one or both of these to meet our goal of \$16,000:

- **MINC [\$10,000 goal]** Each summer MINC supervises work groups who repair rooves, add ramps and in other ways make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families who are ineligible for bank loans or public assistance and living in some of the most isolated parts of Lewis, St. Lawrence, and Jefferson counties. This is the Rural Rehab part of MINC. Mission pledged money buys materials and pays for the supervision and organization of Rural Rehab. Pledged money pays the stipend for the Outreach Coordinator, who handles applications to the Emergency Fund, confirming need and networking with other agencies to coordinate aid. In this way all the money donated to the Emergency Fund can go directly to applicants.
- **Watertown Multi-Ethnic Community [\$6,000 goal]** This new church plant is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 1001 New Worshipping Communities movement and began under the leadership of our own Rev. Sarah Lee in May of 2017. The Presbytery endorsed this mission endeavor and Administrative Commission to come alongside in support. The WMEC now has its own leadership team and has a vital presence among the various ethnic people who are not large enough to have their own church community. This ministry has received support from the General Assembly, Synod of the Northeast, and several PNNY churches in addition to presbytery mission funds. This funding is critical to support the worship, hospitality and service to the community this ministry provides. Visit the WMEC Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/LeeWMEC/>] or reach out to Sarah who would love to come and share more with you and your church.

## PNNY Regional Mission Partners

In 2020 the Coordinating Council invites you to consider direct support to the organizations previously supported with general mission dollars from your pledges.

- **Watertown Urban Mission [\$6,000 was given in 2019]** WUM has many programs serving the people of Jefferson County. The Bridge Program offers opportunities for individuals in trouble with the law to get their lives on track. The Hearth Program helps families find stable housing. In addition, Urban Mission has a Critical Needs program, a Food Pantry, a Christian Care drop-in center, the Impossible Dream thrift store, and has recently joined with Meals on Wheels. Urban Mission budget for 2015 was \$1.573 million. Of that, administrative expenses are under 10%. Their website is [www.WatertownUrbanMission.com](http://www.WatertownUrbanMission.com) and your support can be sent to the following address: Watertown Urban Mission at 247 Factory Street, Watertown, NY 13601
- **Helping Hands of Potsdam, Inc. [\$2,000 was given in 2019]** This group provides money for power, money for heat after HEAP runs out, gives firewood, and provides used cars to working families. They have a chef and serve lunch four days a week. Their budget is about \$50,000 a year. [www.potsdamhelpinghands.org](http://www.potsdamhelpinghands.org) Your support can be sent to the following address: Helping Hands, PO Box 92, Hannawa Falls, NY 13647
- **Church and Community [\$2,000 was given in 2019]** Church and Community, in Canton, operates a food pantry and thrift shop downtown and gives referrals for other services. This group has been operating since 1974 and now has an \$80,000 a year budget. They have an informative website at [www.ccpccanton.org](http://www.ccpccanton.org) and your support can be sent to the following address: Church & Community, PO Box 55, Canton, NY 13617
- **Samaritan House [\$5,000 was given in 2019]** Since 2017, this transitional housing center in Saranac Lake gives temporary housing and help in finding permanent homes to those in need in Franklin and Essex Counties. The organization provides referrals to community resources that lead to self-sufficiency and stability, job training and a return to a normal, productive life. Check them out on the web at <http://slecumenical.weebly.com/housing.html> and send your support can be sent to the following address: Ecumenical Council of Saranac Lake [with "Samaritan House" in the memo], PO Box 194, Saranac Lake, NY 12983

## PC(USA) Churchwide Offerings

Many churches participate in one or more of the churchwide offerings that our denomination uses to support dynamic and effective mission programs.

These include:

1. Peace and Global Witness
2. Christmas Joy
3. One Great Hour of Sharing
4. Pentecost

You can learn more about these offerings, what they go to support, and find numerous resources for promotion and education by visiting the following website: [www.specialofferings.pcusa.org](http://www.specialofferings.pcusa.org)

*In 2020, instead of remitting the proceeds of these offerings to the presbytery, please send them directly to the denomination through their lockbox in Pittsburgh.*

Please be sure to note the amount of the specific offering and be sure your church's name and address is clearly noted on the check.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

## PC(USA) Shared Mission

Unless directed otherwise, your mission pledge in previous years would be divided, and a portion sent to support shared mission work sponsored and supported by the larger denomination. In 2020, we hope you will consider a direct gift to support Shared Mission. You may also choose to select a particular cause or mission co-worker, which is an excellent way to form a more meaningful partnership with your congregation.

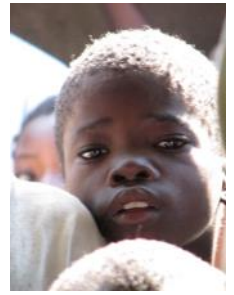
Visit [www.presbyterianmission.org](http://www.presbyterianmission.org) to learn about the various ways to support shared mission and/or specific causes or co-workers. You will be amazed to see the numerous ways the PC(USA) is engaged in meaningful mission work throughout the world!

Offerings can be remitted to the same address listed above with the same notation included so the support is allocated accordingly.





# MALAWI MISSIONS



## A Legacy of Compassion in the North Country

*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods  
and yet refuses help? ~ I John 3:17*

**Women Of Grace Widows' Fund-** The Widows' Fund has been working with widows from three villages since 2008. Projects include: critical care, housing upgrades, sewing project.

**Marion Medical Shallow Wells-** Installs 2,500 shallow wells annually in remote rural communities. Headquartered in Mzuzu, Malawi.

**Clint McCoy Feeding Centre** - Opened and dedicated in 2010 in memory of Rev. Clinton A. McCoy. Provides a warm meal, simple games, and songs to over 80 young children two days a week.

**Malawi Early Literacy Team** – M.E.L.T. provides the MELT1 Book Mobile library service, culturally appropriate early literacy materials, and ongoing professional development for teachers. 30 teachers from 15 rural schools are served in the Mzuzu and Mzenga areas.

**Mzuzu Crisis Nursery** – Provides crisis care to abandoned babies for two years at which point these children are often reunited with extended family in their home village.

**PantiPlus** – Provides girls with hand-sewn underwear, and sustainable feminine hygiene products. Pantiplus partners with WOGWF providing employment for many widows.

**Tyler and Rochelle Holm-** This PC USA missionary family lives in Mzuzu. Rochelle is a professor at Mzuzu University while Tyler teaches systemic theology at the University of Livingstonia.

**Please take time to consider how you or your church can support these important endeavors in the coming year and make those gifts directly to each entity as instructed.**

# WIDOW'S FUND



In 2005, a team from First Presbyterian Watertown came to Malawi to move the Chivumu School project forward. They traveled throughout the country and were educated regarding nutrition, education, public health, water, church/government partnerships, agriculture, and many, many more facets.

When they inquired regarding malaria and the particular challenge it poses, they were introduced to a nurse working in malaria management and prevention, Grace Chiumia. Grace helped us see the challenge that kills 1.2 million people each year in sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to a greater understanding, a great friendship was born.

Later that year the church received word that Grace had been "cleaned out." Grace, like many widows in Malawi, face the greed of extended family who can reclaim the possessions of a deceased brother, son, or uncle. Grace lost everything. The Church took up an offering to help replace her possessions and raised \$5000.

Grace refused to take the money. In her words, "there are many, many widows who have nothing at all. Let's help them." Since 2008, widows are helped with home improvements, school fees for children, critical needs, and the sustainable sewing project.

The Women of Grace Widow's Fund is a recognized not-for-profit organization that works in Northern Malawi. The Fund has a Malawian Manager, Sam Chirwa, and has changed the lives of many widows and their families. Each year over \$22,700.00 goes to help the Widows in 3 villages. This work began when our friend, Grace, chose to give away the blessing intended for her. Her gift continues to grow and save lives.

In an unexpected development, one of the political parties in the northern region of Malawi noticed all the work the Widow's Fund was accomplishing. Grace was becoming well known for helping widows living in extreme poverty. The "DPP" party of Malawi asked her to stand for election to parliament. She won in 2009, and won again in 2014. Now Grace is a cabinet minister for the government of Malawi.

Each year First Presbyterian Church takes up a Christmas Eve offering to support the ongoing work of the Widow's Fund. In addition, many individuals and groups within the Presbytery of NNY make donations directly to the Widow's Fund to support programs, such as: sustainable sewing, beekeeping and critical needs.

Make Checks Payable to : **First Presbyterian Church** with  
*WOFWF* in the **Memo Line**

Mail to: **First Presbyterian Church**  
**403 Washington Street**  
**Watertown, NY 13601**



# MARION MEDICAL SHALLOW WELLS



What began as an attempt to directly support physicians in sub-Saharan Africa in the 1980s became a passion for clean water in the 1990s. In 1990 Tom Logan and his wife Jocynen developed 13 shallow wells. Today, the Marion Medical Mission with headquarters in Mzuzu, Malawi, annually installs over 2,500 shallow wells in remote rural communities which have no access to clean water.

Millions of people today in Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia are healthy today because of shallow wells.

## **Who Makes This Happen**

Marion Medical Mission sends dozens of volunteers and staff into villages far and wide to collaborate in the installation of a shallow well. The village digs the well; volunteers and staff install and insure the quality and long-term maintenance of the well.

## **How to Help**

In October of each year, a “shallow well” appeal is sent out to folks throughout Jefferson County by First Presbyterian Church. A shallow well costs approximately \$450 and serves roughly 200 people. You can support this mission by writing “shallow well” on the memo line of a check. Over the last 10 plus years this appeal has funded the installation of more than 100 wells. First Presbyterian Church has also sent three volunteers to participate in well installation. More than 250,000 have clean water because of our annual appeal.

**Make Checks Payable to :** First Presbyterian Church with  
*Shallow Wells* in the **Memo Line**

**Mail to:** First Presbyterian Church  
403 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601





# CLINT MCCOY FEEDING CENTRE



The Clint McCoy Feeding Station in Mzenga was established in 2010 through memorial gifts to honor the legacy of Rev. Clinton A. McCoy. Rev. McCoy was an executive for partnerships at the Synod of the Northeast and a member of the Partnership Visitation Team that traveled to Malawi in 1999. Through generous donations, a feeding station was named in his honor at the community center which Grace Chiumia helped to construct. Widows serve as volunteers at this center which provides over 70 children with a hot meal twice a week as well as songs and lessons throughout. The cost to operate the

feeding station is \$1,500/year or \$215/month. Churches, organizations and individuals are welcome to make designated gifts to support the operations of the feeding station.

Clint's legacy is what keeps the Feeding Centre going.

A feeding centre in Malawi meets the need of children who are malnourished. Hunger has been the result of two lengthy droughts in Malawi in the recent past. But the greater issue is the AIDS epidemic. AIDS has widowed a generation and stretched the ability of the extended families in villages to absorb the orphans. The feeding centre gives a modest meal of fortified porridge and tea to children who would otherwise not eat that day.

The feeding centre budget is small, but the impact is life saving.



Make Checks Payable to : **First Presbyterian Church** with  
*Clint McCoy Feeding Center* in the **Memo Line**

Mail to: **First Presbyterian Church**  
**17 Church Street**  
**Canton, NY 13617**

# MELT

MELT provides ongoing support to 15 schools and 30 teachers in the Northern Region of Malawi.

## **The Program Goals**

MELT develops and publishes K-2 early literacy readers for the library we established in Mzuzu. These readers are written about village daily life, Malawi science and culture, and important basic health topics relevant to children in Malawi. This library meets a critical need for the teachers of Malawi who otherwise would have only their chalkboard and a few pieces of chalk! The Malawi Department of Education has approved MELT early readers for use in Malawian schools.

The MELT1 - a 2016 Land Cruiser - is operated by Director Sam Chirwa to deliver reading materials to the teachers in our schools. This Book Mobile delivers critical education books and materials for these teachers and their students.



## **The Vision**

MELT offers ongoing professional development for the 30 teachers in the MELT program provided by qualified teachers from the U.S. Most Malawian teachers have minimal training and no classroom supplies.

## **Who Makes This Happen:**

M.E.L.T. is an ecumenical committee of business and educational professionals. Donors include church groups, schools, other civic organizations, and individuals.

## **How to Help:**

Invite MELT to speak to your family, civic group, class, or church.

Sponsor a book publication, or classroom ABC kit, or classroom supplies.

Donate new: lowercase & uppercase magnetic letter sets, Crayola brand markers, pens, classroom pocket charts.

Contact MELT if you are discarding K-2 teaching materials. We will review the materials for culturally appropriate lessons in Malawi.

Visit our webpage, like us on FaceBook & share. [m-e-l-t.org](http://m-e-l-t.org)

Make Checks Payable to :

**First Presbyterian Church with  
Melt in the Memo Line**

**Mail to: First Presbyterian Church  
403 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601**



# PANTIPLUS



Panti Plus seeks to provide girls in Malawi with hand-sewn underwear and sustainable feminine hygiene products. This reduces a hidden barrier to school attendance that results in a much higher dropout rate for girls in high school.

## **Who makes this happen:**

Volunteer American sewing groups are provided with patterns, instruction, and training to produce the kits. These kits are collected, shipped, and distributed to rural high schools and orphanages in Malawi. Sewing groups can also choose to donate their kits to any organization serving teenage girls in an impoverished country.

Five sewing workshops in Malawi make sponsored PantiPlus kits, providing employment for low income women.

The workshop in northern Malawi, outside Mzuzu, is managed by the Women of Grace, supporting 21 widows through the Sustainable Sewing program.

## **How To Help**

Learn how to sew panties, pads, and purses, then donate your kits to the PantiPlus project.

Sponsor a kit (\$10 each) in honor of girls or women in your life who had the opportunity to complete high school. Put "PantiPlus" on the memo line of your check.

Donate cotton fabric, gently used flannel sheets, sewing notions, and serviceable used sewing machines.

**Make Checks Payable to :** First Presbyterian Church with  
*PantiPlus* in the **Memo Line**

**Mail to:** First Presbyterian Church  
403 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601



# PC USA MISSIONARY FAMILY



Tyler and Rochelle Holm  
and Mphatso

Since 2012, this PCUSA missionary family has been serving fulltime in Mzuzu, Malawi, at the invitation of the Synod of Livingstonia, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

Tyler Holm is a lecturer in systematic theology and church history at the University of Livingstonia, a private institution run by the CCAP. The university is open to students of dif-

ferent Christian traditions, training individuals to be pastors and leaders of the church and the larger society. Tyler teaches both on-campus and distance learning classes. The university offers a Bachelor of Theology degree and is currently developing a Master's degree program. In addition to teaching, Tyler also provides specialized computer and library support services for the university faculty and students.

Rochelle Holm, a PhD biologist, is a professor at Mzuzu University, working in the field of clean water and sanitation. The university offers B.A. and M.A. degrees in water and sanitation and is developing a doctoral program. Rochelle teaches classes, supervises student research, and conducts vital water/sanitation field research for NGO's such as UNICEF.

Tyler and Rochelle are valuable mission partners "on the ground" in Malawi. They have warmly welcomed our visits, connected us with new mission partners, and helped us navigate an unfamiliar culture more effectively.

## **How to Help**

As a PCUSA missionary, Tyler and his family are supported by churches and individuals. He must raise these funds for support each year.

**Make Checks Payable to : Presbyterian Church (USA) with  
"#E200532" in the memo line.**

**Mail to: Presbyterian Church (USA)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700**

# MZUZU CRISIS NURSERY



**Jerrine Gondwe at admission (left) and 8 weeks later (right)**

The crisis nursery idea was born in the spare bedroom of a longtime PCUSA missionary, Nancy Dimmock. Nancy took in babies that were abandoned in the bush. With the permission of the village, Nancy took these discarded children into her home and raised them for two years until they were more self-sufficient. At two years of age, the children were much more likely to survive as part of a village, where they were returned to live with extended family members.

Nancy's efforts were then incorporated into a larger organization called "Ministry of Hope." Ministry of Hope operates feeding centers, a mobile clinic, and a Crisis Nursery in the central region of Malawi in its capital city, Lilongwe. Seeing the success of the crisis nursery in the capital, interest and funds were directed to develop a second nursery, this time in the North, and the Mzuzu Crisis Nursery was born.

The Mzuzu Crisis Nursery was brought into the partnership of the Presbytery of Northern New York when Rev. Paul and Darlene Heller (BSN) gave three years of their life to serve as PCUSA Mission Coworkers. They were invited to Malawi by the Ministry of Hope to serve as Director and Nurse/Matron at the Mzuzu Nursery. Their efforts introduced many to the needs and challenges of loving the most vulnerable of all, the abandoned and orphaned infant.

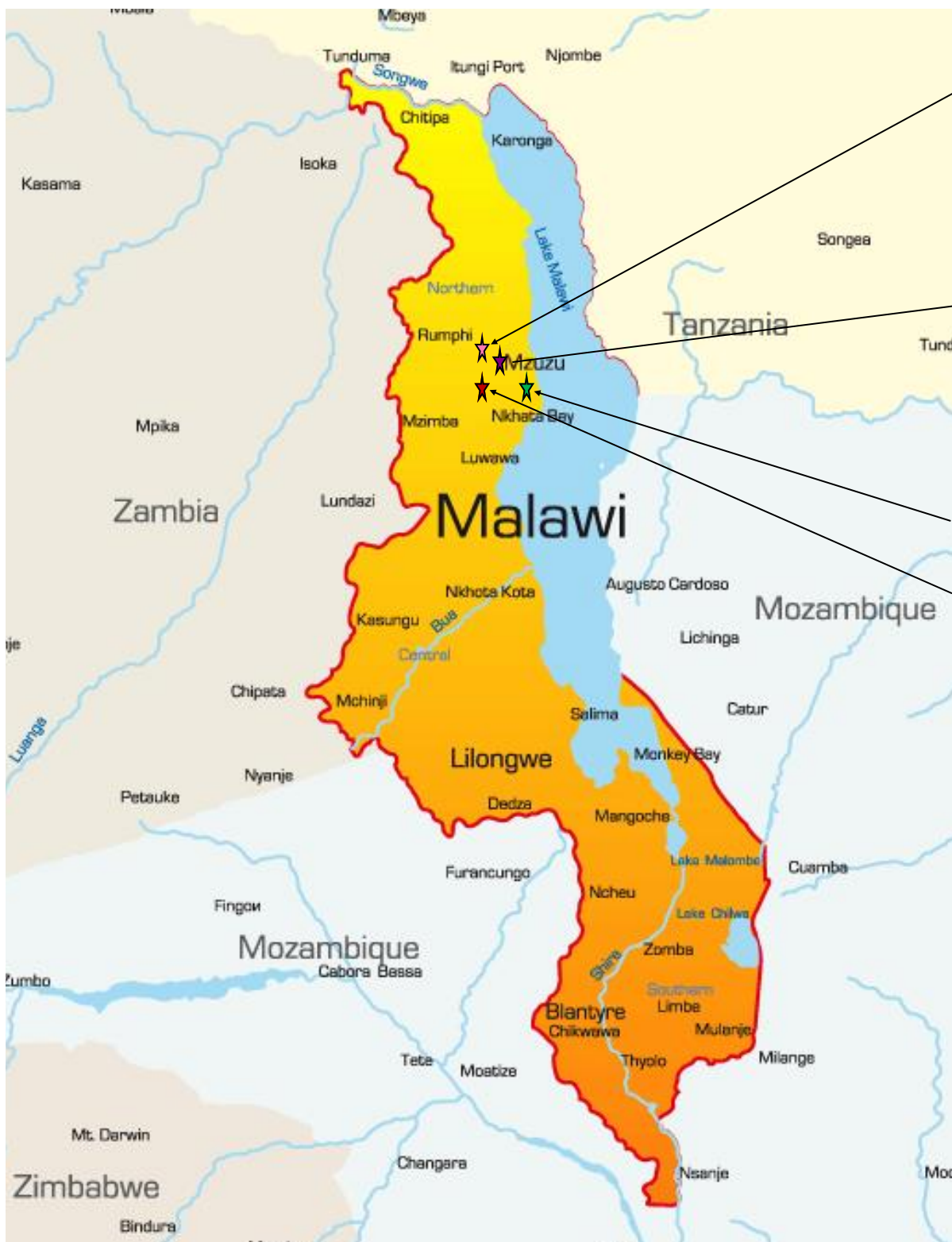
Today the nursery is still saving young lives while enjoying dedicated local leadership under the sponsorship of Ministry of Hope. The Nursery continues to fulfill the basic mission: receiving abandoned and orphaned babies, nurturing them during their first 2 years of life, and returning them to the village healthy and strong.

Make Checks Payable to :

**Presbytery of Northern New York with  
Mzuzu Crisis Nursery in the Memo Line**

Mail to: **Presbytery of Northern New York  
311 Franklin Street, Room B  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669**





#### **MZENGA:**

- WOGWF Widows' Village
- Mzenga Primary School
- Clint McCoy Feeding Center

#### **MZUZU:**

- MMM Office
- Crisis Nursery
- Tyler & Rochelle Holms
- Mtchenguatwa widows
- Five MELT Schools
- MELT Library

#### **CHIVUMU PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **MBOWE AREA:**

- WOG, MELT Training Center
- MBOWE Widows
- MBOWE Primary
- 8 Outer Rural MELT Schools