# Primary School Teacher - Malawi (Copy - Oct 27, 2026)

Call ID: NAD-MH-000983-2026
Where: Makwasa (via Chileka Intn'l Airport or BLZ), Malawi
When: Aug 17, 2026 - Jun 14, 2027

**Summary**

Seeking a volunteer to oversee the creative learning of the missionary children and several staff children at Malamulo Adventist Hospital. The classes are kept small since they are multi-grade and may include students new to English learning. In addition to school activities, some volunteers have helped with Pathfinders and Sabbath School or assisted with outreach to villages nearby. Worksite is on an Adventist college campus so there is opportunity for interaction with Malawian young people. The campus is nestled in the beautiful tea plantations of Malawi's Thyolo District. Camping, hiking, visiting game parks, taking basket-making lessons are some of the activities volunteers have enjoyed in the past. Missionary families often include volunteers in their activities such as backpacking, Sabbath walks, potlucks, so that the volunteers can feel supported in our community.

Cost breakdown:

Volunteer Fundraises:

- Insurance (approximately $800 total for 9 months).
- Initial Visitor Visa ($50), must be converted to Temporary Residence Permit within 90 days which currently costs $500USD (includes two renewals).
- Ticket (Round-trip approximately $3000, if coming from USA)
- Immunizations (amount varies)
- Total trip expenses to fundraised/paid: **$4350**

Malamulo covers:

- Accommodations/Utilities/guesthouse meals: $600/month x 9 months = $5400 (hospital guesthouse charges $600/mo which include meals)
- $125/month living allowance ($125x 9 mo. = $1125).
- Local travel: varies, but you can book hospital transport or join missionaries when they go to town to shop (local transport to town approximately = $5/trip).
- Malamulo's contribution = $6750 + local travel.

**Destination**

Makwasa (via Chileka Intn'l Airport or BLZ) Malawi

**Term**

Long-Term, 9 - months, Aug 17, 2026 - Jun 14, 2027

**Position**

Type: Teaching - Elementary (1st - 8th Grade), Total People Required: 2, Target Age: Any

**Finances**

Cost: $4,350.00, Monthly Living Allowance: $125.00, Local Currency: USD, Finance Type: Regular (Shared Funding)

**Lodging & Food**

Room and board are sponsored by the hospital.  Volunteer(s) live(s) in a flat in the hospital guesthouse.  They may eat at the guesthouse dining room or prepare their own meals in their room (there is a hotplate and small fridge available).  Travel to town for groceries and incidentals can be arranged with hospital transport or with missionaries when they are going to town.

Restrictions:

Housing is a one-room apartment that is shared by volunteers, so in the case that two volunteers want to serve, they need to be the same gender (unless a married couple) and reasonably sure they can manage living and working together.

Gender Lodging: Either

Marital Status Lodging: Either

Child Accommodations: Not Specified

**Health Notes**

Malaria is endemic in Malawi. We test and treat readily at the hospital so prophylaxis is an individual choice. Note: Doxycycline is available as prophylaxis, but other drugs such as Malarone are not readily available.  We recommend carrying your vaccination records.  Refer to CDC recommendations to guide vaccination.  While yellow-fever vaccination is not required in Malawi, it may come up during travel through some African countries. Hepatitis A, B, and Typhoid are common in the local population--vaccination for those is recommended.

**Dress**

Acceptable:

Conservative, fairly formal dress is the norm here.  Women mostly wear skirts/dresses--always below the knee. Women can wear slacks, but they should not be tight.  Jeans are never worn in the workplace.  Men wear slacks (not shorts) in the workplace.

Unacceptable:

Dresses or skirts above the knee, low-cut blouses for women.  I have not seen Adventist women wear shorts, spaghetti straps, sleeveless tops or tight clothing.

**Duties**

Oversee the learning of elementary-aged children of missionary staff and some hospital staff children for Malamulo Adventist Hospital. Volunteer works in a well-equipped, multi-grade classroom. Some lesson planning will be needed for older students, but the younger ones will learn primarily in a play-based model. Learning will be from 8am-12pm, 2pm-4pm daily with half-day on Fridays. Holidays observed are the Malawian public holidays. A break of two weeks at Christmas (in case volunteers wish to travel) and another week in March will be observed. Volunteer English proficiency is required since some students may be new to the language.

**Experience**

Experience with children and their developmental needs is desirable.

**Education**

High School

**Education Concentration**

Not Specified

**Languages**

English (proficient)

**Trade Skills**

Any

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| **Host** | « Private » |
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**Travel Documentation**

**Travel**

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| Destination City | Makwasa, Malamulo Mission | Destination Airport | BLZ- Chileka Intn'l Airport |

**Medical**

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| Required Inoculations | Evidence of Polio and/or Yellow Fever vaccine is sometimes requested though not technically required | HIV Clearance Required? | No |

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| Medical Recommendations | Malaria is endemic, but testing and treatment is readily available at the hospital so prophylaxis is an individual choice. Typhoid, Hepatitis A and B are common, so vaccination is recommended. Getting Typhoid vaccine is at times difficult in the U.S. We usually have the injectable vaccine, but do not have the oral capsules. Cholera vaccine can be obtained in Malawi, if desired. Yellow fever is not required in Malawi, but it may come up if one travels to nearby countries. We recommend carrying your vaccination records with you to Malawi. Check CDC recommendations for travel to this country. |

**Visa**

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| Visa Required? | Yes | Visa Type | 1 |
| Visa Application By | | Volunteer / Sponsor | |
| Work Permit Required? | | No | |
| Work Permit Application By | | (not set) | |
| Police Clearance Required? | | No | |
| Child Protection Required? | | No | |
| Send Documentation To | | (not set) | |
| Documentation Deadline | | (not set) | |

Visa Travel Details

Currently, a 30-day visitor visa is purchased for $50USD on arrival. This is renewable x 2 (no charge). Temporary residence permits are then required (this costs $500USD and is paid by the volunteer). Malamulo will assist in the paperwork to process this permit before the 90-day visitor visa expires.

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| **Interview** | | **Orientation** | |
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| Phone Interview Required? | Yes | Orientation on Site? | Yes |
| Signed Agreement Required? | No | Orientation Stipend? | No |

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**Travel Advisory**

## Malawi

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***Reissued with updates to civil unrest information.***

Exercise increased caution in Malawi due to **crime** and **civil unrest.**

**Country Summary:** Violent Crime such as theft, burglary, armed robbery, assault, and carjacking is common. The capabilities of the Malawi Police Service are growing but its resources and abilities to deter and investigate crimes, assist victims, and apprehend criminals are limited.

Demonstrations may occur and increase in frequency around political issues and events such as elections. Teargas is frequently deployed at demonstrations and roads may be blocked.

Read the country information page for additional information on travel to Malawi.

If you decide to travel to Malawi:

- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.
- Monitor local media for breaking events and be prepared to adjust your plans.
- Keep travel documents up to date and easily accessible.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter.
- Review the Country Security Report for Malawi.
- U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest Travel Health Information related to your travel.
- U.S. citizens are reminded to avoid all gatherings, even peaceful ones, that could turn violent with little or no warning.