



## TRAGEDY OF MALAWI FLOODING



This past Saturday - Wednesday 6 months of rain fell in five days over Malawi. 326 people are known dead, 200 still missing and 183,158 are displaced. The displaced are housed in 317 temporary camps. Those who were impacted were mostly the poorest of the poor. They have no reserves to feed themselves or rebuild.

### THIS CRISIS IS DIRECTLY IMPACTING OUR PROJECT & ITS COMMUNITY

By God's grace, our impact center has not been damaged. But out of 26 family units that make up our staff and resident youth, 8 of those families had their homes destroyed and they lost EVERYTHING.

The neighboring village surrounding our center had 38 families lose their homes.

This crisis has become an opportunity for us to stand with our brothers and sisters in the midst of their overwhelming need.

You can send your gift to <https://ideasworld.org/project/malawi-flood-response>



Grace Summer Team

On June 8 five young adults from Grace will fly to Malawi along with team leader Ron Willett.

They will assist the Brothers In Arm team of staff and youth in carrying for those impacted by this disaster.

They will serve as needed, including providing activities and spiritual care for the children of displaced families. They will represent all of you as our church helps provide funds for these families to rebuild their lives Their presence will strengthen our partnership.

It is amazing that God is sending us at "such a time as this."

Some of the hurting

As you look at these photos, try to imagine that it is you who has suffered this loss.

What would Jesus have us do?



God's people at work

The rains slowed down on Tuesday and the work of extending care picked up steam.

Whitney and Kossi Akpi are missionaries supported by Grace Chapel Kossi spent all of Tuesday and Wednesday serving on teams, visiting the displaced transporting food, water and survival supplies near the center and at some of the worst hit areas of Blantyre.

Thursday and Friday he traveled more than two hours to more distant camps who they had heard had not yet received any help. Saturday he will participate with Malawi's Round Table, a different charity group to help them document their flood response efforts.

In the meantime, Whitney has helped supply the teams with treats and beverages when they return to the logistics center where supplies are being gathered.

Kossi, Asante and the teams from Flood Church are exhausted from all they are doing. But the flood response is just getting started.

Pray for these responders to be continually filled with Christ's love and strength.

Pray for those who have survived, yet experienced such deep trauma to have hope and perseverance. Pray that they can overcome their suffering and have the will to move ahead.

An opportunity for us

The Malawi team is working with Terry Jarvis and the outreach department to raise funds to help with flood response and eventual rebuilding.

For the past year, funds from Grace have gone through IDEAS and wired to Brothers In Arms to build their impact center.

On Wednesday, a Malawi Flood Response fund was established. Grace Chapel members and other friends of Malawi can make your gifts directly to this fund.

The site is:  
<https://ideasworld.org/project/malawi-flood-response>

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress" James 1:27*

*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord." Proverbs 19:17*

*"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of God." Gal. 6:9,10*

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