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"I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

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DWANGWA AREA FLOOD IN MALAWI- MARCH 2024

By Tom Logan



Mr. Mwanjikho reports..."The floods, destroyed houses (6,375 households according to government statistics), rendering many homeless. Fields (corn, rice, cassava, and sugar cane) of the affected households and others were either completely wiped out or partly destroyed. Some children as small as one year old were found almost in water without parents. Eight dead bodies were found at the basin of the rivers as of March 5th, and the process of finding lost relatives is still ongoing. Critical among their needs is food to sustain them. Many are still in camps, waiting to find a place to relocate as homes."

In anticipation of funds coming in, MMM authorized the purchase and distribution of maize, blankets, plastic sheets, and pails requested (\$41,786). Mr. Mwanjikho's request will cover only a small

portion of those in need... but through Mr. Mwanjikho we can respond quickly, efficiently, and effectively.

We are still waiting for Mr. Mwanjikho's assessment of the 1600 wells in the area that was flooded. Getting to the wells has been difficult as many of the roads and bridges are gone. Per Mr. Mwanjikho, this is the first time in a 20 year history the area has been heavily flooded.

PALM SUNDAY: First delivery of maize, blankets, plastic sheets, and pails...

The two bridges into the area had yet to be repaired as of Palm Sunday. So, Mr. Khosa and Mr. Langa found a makeshift bridge, hired a lorry to carry 200 110-pound bags of maize (each bag will feed a family of 6 for a month), and loaded two of MMM's pickup trucks with other desperately needed supplies. They then crossed the improvised bridge.

With the help of Mr. Mwanjikho, the needed maize, blankets, plastic sheets, and pails were distributed. When they tried to return the bridge had collapsed. They spent the night and, in the morning, with difficulty, driving through heavy mud they made it back.

You are needed. You are important. You can make a difference! 100% of your designated donations go to their designated purposes. Let's not keep our resources in a refrigerator.

"What you do speaks so loudly I can't hear what you say." ~ Ralph Emerson

When we pray, we move our feet.



Marion Medical Mission has been evaluated by Charity Navigator, the world's largest and most trusted non-profit evaluator, and earned a Four-Star Rating! This is the highest possible rating on Charity Navigator.

Charity Navigator's third-party accreditation validates our organization's operational excellence. "We are delighted to provide Marion Medical Mission with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence," said Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. "The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that Marion Medical Mission is able to accomplish in the years ahead."

This milestone achievement couldn't have happened without you and your support. Thank you for being an integral part of Marion Medical Mission's family as contributors, funders, and volunteers. Your trust and support help us make a difference for the African communities we serve in Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mozambique.

"Our Four-Star Charity Navigator is further validation that our supporters can trust our commitment to good governance and financial health," said Jamie Erikson, MMM Executive Director. "We hope that it will introduce our work to new supporters who can help us advance MMM's mission to provide a sustainable source of safe drinking water for our brothers and sisters in Africa."

Marion Medical Mission's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on charitynavigator.org.

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REVERENCE FOR LIFE

By Tom Logan

REMEMBERING NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER ALBERT SCHWEITZER



After graduating from highschool in 1961, at age 18 I took a solo hitchhiking trek through Africa (Ghana, Cameroun, Gabon, South Africa, Rhodesia, Kenya, Ethiopia). I spent two months with Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his hospital and leper colony in Lambaréné, Gabon.

Albert Schweitzer (14 January 1875 – 4 September 1965) was a theologian, organist, musicologist, author, humanitarian, philosopher, and physician. He received the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize “for his altruism philosophy, “Reverence for Life”, and tireless humanitarian work which helped make the idea of brotherhood between men and nations a living one.” He used the money from the prize to build the Lambaréné leper colony. Leprosy is a terrifying disease causing severe and disfiguring skin sores and nerve damage commonly resulting in fingers and toes to rot and fall off.

Schweitzer’s philosophy was expressed in many ways, but most famously in founding and sustaining the Hospital in Lambaréné, Gabon.

When I met Dr. Schweitzer in 1962, he was 86 years old, yet his spirit of love was a light you could see.

Albert Schweitzer quotes from 1922 to 1944

(His words are as relevant today as they were then.)

“The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”

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“It is to reawaken in men’s minds reverence for truth, in scorn of propaganda; for humanity, not nationalism; for moral worth, not material success.”

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“He feels their anguish as his own. He longs to alleviate it, if need be, to share it and bear it.”

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The fundamental postulate of existence is not this: “I think, therefore I am.” But rather this: “I am life that wills-to-live in the midst of other life that wills-to-live.”

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“All that is eternal and godlike in the world has degenerated into a cult of narrow patriotism and nationalism which seeks to impose its will on the rest; a retrogression to the instinct of the herd and the law of the jungle...it decks itself out with finsele imitation of idealism...allows itself to be governed by mass-emotion and even mass-hysteria; inflated by a sense of its self-importance, which is but another name for self-deception, it seeks by means of propaganda markets for its so-called civilization.”

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“With the most diverse social and political arrangements, the various civilized nations have all sunk to the same depth of barbarism.”

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“Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it.”

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“Ethics are responsibility without limit towards all that lives.”

Legacy of Love

BY DOUG KEE,
MMM VICE-PRESIDENT

This publication is intended to provide general information. It is not intended to substitute for legal or financial planning advice. It is essential that you consult with legal and tax professionals to address your personal situation and create an appropriate estate plan.

The foundation of Marion Medical Mission is **love**.

God's **love** for all His children.

The **love** of Christ led MMM's founders to go to Africa 36 years ago to serve poor rural communities.

Love which binds together African staff and communities with American volunteers and donors to provide safe drinking water to otherwise forgotten people.

God's **love** for each of us guides us to want to make a sustaining difference in the lives of others.

We believe that God is calling us to leave a **legacy of love** that will endure far into the future.

This year MMM has started the Legacy of Love endowment to ensure that the life-giving ministry of MMM will continue for many years to come. Through the Legacy of Love endowment, you will support future generations of leaders to carry on the vital ministry started by MMM's founders, Tom and Jocelyn Logan.

Please consider leaving a legacy gift to support MMM's Legacy of Love endowment.

WILLS OR LIVING TRUSTS

A legacy gift can be as simple as one sentence in your will.

(I bequeath \$___ or a %___ of my estate to Legacy of Love.)

You can choose to give a specific amount of money, a specific asset, a percentage of your estate, or even a remainder portion after your expenses are paid and loved ones have been remembered.

Within an estate plan, donors may leave cash, property, stocks or non-cash assets such as life insurance benefits, retirement accounts or securities.

With a Living Trust, your assets can be placed in a "revocable" trust for your benefit during your lifetime, and then transferred to designated beneficiaries at your death by a successor trustee. Because it is "revocable," it has the flexibility to be changed. The benefit is that it might avoid probate and keep your wishes private. State laws apply.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

David wanted to provide a memorial tribute to his father. His father believed in self-help and sustainable development. He decided to donate some appreciated securities and requested that the proceeds be used for community and maintenance training for protected water wells. Because he donated appreciated securities, he will not have to pay the capital gains tax on those securities.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

You can designate a beneficiary for your current assets. Assets such as life insurance policies, IRAs, retirement plans, pensions, and bank accounts are distributed based on a beneficiary designation form, not your will. They are transferred directly to your named beneficiaries.

If you wish to name Marion Medical Mission's Legacy of Love as a beneficiary of any of these assets, contact your life insurance provider, retirement plan administrator, and/or bank or financial institution to complete the appropriate beneficiary designation forms which are payable on death (POD).

You must include the legal name of the charity, its address and tax identification number for beneficiary forms.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple method of directing part of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to your favorite qualified charity. You can donate up to \$100,000 annually directly to your charity and it will not be taxed as income to you. This can also be a part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) which must be taken annually.

For example: Jane has an IRA account. Being 71 years old, she must take a required minimum distribution of \$23,000 from her IRA account in 2017. Jane contacted her financial advisor and requested that her RMD be paid out directly to the following: \$5,000 to her favorite qualified charity; \$3,000 to her church, and the remaining \$15,000 to her, thus meeting her RMD. Jane made legacy gifts that will be currently put to use and she will be taxed only on the \$15,000 she actually received.

BENEFITS

Planning your estate will help you control your assets during and after your lifetime. When you make simple charitable bequests in your will, you have the flexibility to make changes if your circumstances change. For example, you may choose to designate a specific amount instead of a percentage.

If you own assets naming a beneficiary, your assets should pass directly to the beneficiary without court intervention. You have the flexibility to make changes if by simply changing your beneficiary form.

For example: Tom and Janice chose to designate their cash, real estate, and stocks to their children as beneficiaries. They decided to designate their IRA accounts to their favorite charity as a beneficiary. By doing so, their children will not pay taxes on inherited IRA accounts. They are comfortable knowing that if their wishes change, they can change their beneficiaries.

Your legacy of love will impact the causes and people you care about.

TRUSTS

There are several types of charitable trusts, including:

Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, and other trusts that can be used for legacy giving.

They may be "irrevocable" which means they cannot be changed.

Please consult with your financial advisor and legal advisor on the types of trusts available.

...now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love...1 Corinthians 13:13

2024 MMM PROJECTS

Every February, the MMM board of directors meets to approve the budget and planned projects for the coming year. 100% of your designated donation can go to any of the 2024 approved projects listed below. Optional: adding 5% or any additional donation for U.S. administration is appreciated.



- Build wells. \$1,900,000 (4,000 wells @ \$475 each)
Help build a well. Every penny counts!
- Sponsor 21 African Field Officers: Salaries \$290,000 (\$13,810 per FO)
- Sponsor 4 African Coordinators: Salaries \$73,000 (\$18,250 per Coordinator)
- Well rehabilitation \$10,000
- Downhole parts and stock parts inventory \$50,000
- Data collection for sustainability plan \$20,000
- Sustainability workshops for village communities \$31,000
- Well Maintenance trainings \$24,000
- Purchase 2 motorcycles \$15,600 (\$7,800 each)
- 4 Programs: administration, monitoring, and accounting in Africa \$61,026
- Warehouse/ office in Nkhoma \$25,000
- Warehouse/ office in Zambia \$25,000
- School supplies (includes desks, chairs, fertilizer, seed) \$6,650
- Embangweni School for Hard of Hearing transportation scholarships \$4,950
- Secondary School and other scholarships \$32,600
- Hospital charity care & medical supply needs \$2,000
- Freight and other mission supplies \$3,000



YES! I want to share God's love by providing clean water

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1412 Shawnee Dr. Marion, IL 62959
OR donate online: www.mmmwater.org



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From Jeff Weill ~ First Time MMM Volunteer

The opportunity to offer clean water to those who have never had it is a gift from God. To be a (small) part of that effort – as the hands and feet of Jesus – is a blessing which will lift your heart for the rest of your life. Substandard Lodging? Awful food? Bugs? Staggeringly awful and dangerous highways? So what! You think St. Paul, squatting in chains in those many jail cells and picking bugs out of his gruel would grouse about those things? He served and glorified Christ! That's what kept him going day after day. And that's what got us pampered American volunteers through the cold bucket showers at our \$6 hotel.

I was surprised by how dangerous driving on the tarmac was, with all the disrepair, bad drivers, and lack of 'rules of the road'. At the same time, and relatedly, God's safety and provision brought us all through without a scratch.

I was also surprised at the degree of poverty we encountered – I'm from rural Mississippi and thought I'd seen the worst, but far from it.

So many aspects of the trip exceeded expectations. God was glorified in the gratitude lifted up at each well, providing fresh water to His children. Meeting the need of these fine people for a near source of clean water, something most have never had, is agreed by all to be a critical and monumental significant priority. When Jesus admonished his followers to 'give a cup of cold water to a child' (Matt. 10:42), he wasn't doing so for the sole purpose of hydration. He wanted his children to know he 'loved them and delivered himself up for them.' (Gal. 2:20).

"At one point I asked Mr. Edwin Nyondo, the Field Officer, where the homeless live in Malawi? Mr. Nyondo didn't know what 'homeless' meant, so I explained it. Mr. Nyondo said to look carefully in each village – no one was homeless. Everyone, even the poorest, was known and taken in by their neighbors." - Jeff Weill

