

MARION MEDICAL MISSION

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GOAL: 3500 WELLS IN 2023
MMM MILESTONES

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

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URGENT HUNGER RELIEF

By Tom Logan

“ Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words. ”
St. Francis of Assisi

In addition to the cyclone that hit southern Malawi on March 12, the Karonga District in northern Malawi has been hit by a prolonged dry spell resulting in a lack of maize and rice pushing communities into hunger. Currently those in acute need of food are 34,000 families according to the District Agricultural Office.

Mr. Silungwe, MMM's Field Officer in Karonga has visited and verified 942 households from 8 villages of North Rukulu River area that have been impacted by the dry spell and have no help. The villages are Kayuka, Burton, Kafikisila, Mwangalawa, Zindi, Mwanyongo, Donald and Kalambo.

A 110 pound bag of maize can feed a family of 6 for a month. Mr. Silungwe stated, ***“If we can help them with one bag each for this month and another bag for next month, it will make the difference needed. By then our prayer is that the situation will change, and more maize would be harvested from their gardens. Feed 942 families for \$39,564 per month. For two months it would be \$79,128.”***

The cost to feed a family for a month...\$42.

Mr. Silungwe was able to find 942 bags of maize in Tanzania. Marion Medical Mission wired the funds needed to buy enough maize for one month. The maize was distributed to the families on April 14th...3 days after the funds were received.

Please understand...Timing is crucial during times of hunger. MMM's unique infrastructure provides a way to respond effectively and quickly in the areas we serve.



As of April 14th, we have received \$37,756 in donations and pledges for the urgent hunger relief, **almost enough to cover one month. Please help us feed a family of 6 suffering from hunger 8500 miles away, for a month, for \$42.**

When you pray, move your feet.

What you do speaks so loud I can't hear what you say.

Only together can we be who God created us to be.

EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT, BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE TO SERVE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE YOUR SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE TO SERVE.
YOU ONLY NEED A HEART FULL OF GRACE.
A SOUL GENERATED BY LOVE.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FROM HIS 1968 THE DRUM MAJOR INSTINCT SERMON

MMM Welcomes New Board Members



Max Martini

Max grew up in Marion, Illinois and has been inspired by Marion Medical Mission since he was twelve years old. His time in Malawi with MMM was inspiring and led him to later serve as a Teacher Trainer in Kyrgyzstan with the Peace Corps for over two years. He is currently a teacher in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



Marie is a General Surgeon in Northwest Indiana. She graduated from Northwestern Medical School and trained in General Surgery at the University of Cincinnati, where she also served and taught as an Assistant Professor of Surgery for 8 years prior to transitioning to a practice in Northwest Indiana. Her first experience with MMM was at age 16, when traveling with her father, Tom, on one of his trips. This inspired her passion of service. She has worked with Mother Teresa's home for dying destitutes in Calcutta and has made several other trips to Malawi, most often in the healthcare setting. Most recently, during her time at the University of Cincinnati, she established a Global Surgery program for surgical care and teaching at Mzuzu Central Hospital. She has 3 children, Martin, Ainea, and Kali, who are growing up fast.

Jocelyn Marie Logan



MMM BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Board members pictured L to R: Wayne Schultz, Colorado; Leah Covey, (Moderator) IL; Rev. Marlin Otte, IL; Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, NE; Dr. Hayden Boyd, NC; Tom Logan, IL; Jocelyn Logan, IL; Doug Kee, MI; Meg Packard, AL; Betty Samelson, CO; Jamie Erikson, (Executive Director) IL; Jim Nussbaumer, CO; Hugh Stempfley, IL

The Board of Directors approve the budget every February and the following are the African Program Projects for 2023:

- Build wells. \$1,575,000 (3,500 @ \$450 each) Help build a well. Every penny counts!
 - Sponsor 22 African Field Officers: Salaries (\$13,364 per FO)
- Sponsor 4 African Coordinators: Salaries (\$17,209 per Coordinator)
 - Purchase 3 motorcycles \$23,400 (\$7,800 each)
 - Purchase 2023 twin cab truck \$41,000
 - School supplies, desks, and chairs \$2,800
- Fertilizer and seed for Embangweni School for Hard of Hearing \$1,800
- Secondary School and Hearing Impaired Transportation scholarships \$ 34,300
- Hospital charity care & medical supplies for Embangweni Mission Hospital \$2,000
 - Freight and other mission supplies \$2,500
 - Well rehabilitation \$10,000
 - Downhole parts and stock parts inventory \$50,000
- Field Officer and Coordinator Meetings and Planning \$10,000
 - Data collection for sustainability plan \$25,000
- Sustainability workshops for village communities \$30,000
 - Wells Maintenance trainings \$22,000
- Admin/monitoring in Africa and salary African Chief Financial Officer \$55,869
 - Warehouse/office in Nkhoma \$25,000
 - Warehouse/ office in Zambia \$25,000

Join us!

100% of your designated donation can go to any of the 2023 approved projects listed. (A designated donation for administration is appreciated. An added 5% makes a big difference.)



My trip was shortened by two weeks last year. So instead of sadness at not being at the wells, sharing the first sight of clear protected water with the villagers, I decided to count my blessings:

The man walking in the road as we drove by yelling out, "God Bless you." The ladies at a well singing a new song I'd never heard in the thirteen years I've come to Malawi, "May God bless you with wisdom to take care of others, so we have peace within our community." The end of an installation when the headman gave us blessings, "For you, your family and your country." And the man who said, "Since the world has begun, a well has never been put in this village." One elder followed us to two wells that were within walking distance. As we left the village each time, he caught our attention and said, "God must love you." The large village with so many happy dancing women and children. Bringing water to hundreds of people. One young woman caught the attention of both Jessi and me. Neither of us had ever seen a reaction like hers – not just total surprise and awe at the pristine water gushing from the pipe, it was bewilderment, almost as if we had pulled a rabbit out of our hat. And then there was a t-shirt that read, "Life is simple. Are you happy? If yes, keep going. If no, change something."

My trip was shortened but filled with so many blessings.

Betty Samelson
Board Member & Volunteer



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Save The Date

Marion Medical Mission

Milestones

a celebration...

Saturday

July 15, 2023 at 5pm

Marion Illinois

Marion Medical Mission is celebrating *Milestones*

Saturday July 15, 2023 at 5pm
The Pavilion
1602 Sioux Dr.
Marion, IL 62959

- o 50,000 wells built since 1990
- o Over 5 million people served
- o Tom Logan's 80th birthday
- o MMM's 38 year anniversary
- o Expansion into Mozambique

Dinner Silent Auction Guest Speakers:

Vyalema Khosa, Well Program Coordinator, Synod of Livingstonia, Malawi
Jordan Banda, Well Program Coordinator, Synod of Nkhoma, Malawi
Rev. Elisha Mwasakifwa, Well Program Coordinator, E.L.C.T., Tanzania
Chrispin Mhango, Well Program Coordinator, Synod of Zambia
Dr. Jocelyn Marie Logan, Munster, Indiana
Mayor Mike Absher, City of Marion, Illinois

RSVP to info@mmmwater.org by June 15th

☐ **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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\$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$450 _____ \$475 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$ _____

- ☐ Please apply 5% of my donation for administration
- ☐ Well (partial or \$450 for full well)
- ☐ Full well plus \$25 admin. (\$475.00)
- ☐ Help sponsor African Field Officer/Coordinator salary

- ☐ Administration
- ☐ Sustainability and Well Maintenance Training
- ☐ School Scholarships
- ☐ Where needed most

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