

# Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Village of **Chilombo, Malawi**



The village of Chilombo is located about one hour's drive from downtown Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. This severely impoverished community consists of approximately 8,000 people. It is in a very remote, extremely underdeveloped part of Malawi, with no electricity and very little access to clean water. Due to the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, 53 percent of the population of Malawi is under age 18. Most women in Chilombo are widowed or divorced and leading single-parent households. In this village there are Christian churches coexisting with native beliefs and practices of the Chewa tribe.

We currently have close to 300 children enrolled in the Chilombo Village Partnership Program. Along with caring partners like you, the Village Partnership Program helps provide education, evangelism, discipleship, HIV/AIDS awareness and testing, medical care, and provision distribution to the most vulnerable families in this community. COTN is also helping construct a secondary boarding school at our nearby ministry center so that older students can continue learning.





# STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with Chilombo, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on village-specific projects:

Click here to see all available projects.

#### **VENTURE**

As you become more invested in Chilombo, your church may decide to take a Venture trip and see firsthand how you can be a partner with this community. For more information, check out our Malawi Venture calendar for this year

In addition, we keep a standby list of emergency response medical and construction teams. Please contact our Venture department for more information.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsorship is still an important need in Chilombo, as we seek to provide holistic care for the children. As we continue to help families become more stable and independent, we also provide school fees, food, and medical care to around 300 children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event or individuals can sponsor at any time.

Village Partnership Program: Sponsor a child living with impoverished parents or caregivers.

University/Vocational Program: Sponsor a student's higher education and partner with them to transform their community.

Click here to see all the children who need sponsors in our Chilombo Village Partnership Program.

## **DONATE RESOURCES**

Wherever possible, COTN believes in purchasing needed supplies from local businesses in each country. However, we still have a need to ship supplies and equipment to supplement nutrition, clothing, and other materials for our children. Specifically, in Chilombo, we are in need of

• COTN Item of the Month Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for <u>Chilombo</u>.





- Feeding Children Initiative
   You can help provide <u>food from local sources</u> to our children in Chilombo, supporting the
   community around Chilombo.
- SmilePacks®

  <u>SmilePacks</u> help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in Chilombo. We collect Bible, School, Hygiene, and Let's Eat SmilePacks.
- Pack a Container
   Together with other local churches you can pack an entire shipping container of supplies for the children in Chilombo.

For more information, contact Children of the Nations at <u>info@cotni.org</u> or 360-698-7227.

