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- Often times, these church buildings also function as schools, clinics, and feeding centers.
- The Northwest Synod supports many ministries/programs, including: ongoing prayer, congregation to congregation partnerships, feeding centers, literacy programs, sustainable agriculture training, the pastors' academy (continuting ed), building wells, clinics and churches, and travel between Malawi and Wisconsin.
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