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## SAVE ORPHANS MINISTRIES EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

### What it is

Save Orphans Ministries Education Sponsorship Program is an initiative that responds to the educational needs of orphans and other vulnerable children in Malawi. It started in 1999 when orphans registered by Save Orphans Ministries graduated from primary school and had to go to secondary/high school but failed because they had no money to pay for tuition/books and boarding. Malawi has high rate of illiteracy. 53% enrolled in primary school drop out. 44% go to secondary school but there is a low rate of completion and a low rate of girls enrolled.

### Why

The guardians that stay with the children are already over-stretched in income and spend their energy

doing activities that will bring them food. If at all they have money they would buy food or salt and cheap clothes but would never spend on meat, sugar or milk. Such that spending on education is almost impossible even at its only US\$100-200 per year.

This kind of situation brings a side effect to families that have two children to send to school. In a circumstance of this type a family is left with an option of sending a boy child to school and leave a girl child home to do house chores. This is a key factor to early marriages to girls in Malawi.

### Program Relevance

Save Orphans Ministries see the potential that these future mothers and fathers will have to play in the development of Malawi, their neighbors, families and brothers and sisters. Educating them now will be passing over this love and effort to the generations to come. It is these students who will support their young brothers if they do well in life. They have a right to education and it has to be now

when they are young. Save Orphans Ministries would like to prepare these children as future leaders and productive citizens.

### Target

To assist 400 orphan secondary school students from the community of 30,000+ people in Songa area in the Mangochi district of Malawi acquire low cost high education. SOM will ask the ministry of education to provide teachers, learning materials and training. SOM will organize and mobilize the community through the village headmen to mould bricks, sand and casual labor for construction of classrooms. SOM will link with and ask for financial and material support from local, national and international organizations including the Government, to provide resources beyond its reach. SOM will lead the community into a process of owning the school. SOM will be committed to raise the Christian standard of the school to offer affordable high quality education wherever possible together with the community and the Malawian government. Approximately \$150 provides school fees, writing materials and a uniform for a child.

## Who we are

**SAVE ORPHANS MINISTRIES** is a Christian non-profit community based organization formed to empower orphans and caretakers to meet their spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs in order to live a productive life in their communities.

## Update

- Today the project is paying school fees for 163 who are attending different schools.
- The community has already mould over a million bricks ready for the classrooms.
- One block with two classrooms is almost finished.



## Your contribution

Your gift of U\$150 will pay for tuition and books for one student for the whole year. U\$300 for two students.

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## Save Orphans Ministries

“Orphans and caretakers in Malawi living dignified and productive lives”



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