

Project Number # 96357

Project Name Roof a Church in Malawi

Vision

SIM Malawi is constantly seeking ways to assist the local churches of its partner denomination, the Africa Evangelical Church (AEC), as it grows both physically and spiritually while at the same time avoiding the promotion of dependency on outside support. One way we can help is to provide new congregations with metal roofing sheets to finish off construction of their new building.

Project background

Roof a Church in Malawi is a partnership with the churches, encouraging them to mould the bricks and make the walls, which most are able to do. But a big obstacle to them is the cost of the roofing iron sheets. We see that in a long list of churches waiting for iron sheeting. They can get the first part done (molding the bricks and building the walls.) but find it difficult to put on the roof. Churches see the building of a church as an important stage in their development. People in the community look on the building of a church as meaning that the church is serious and committed to being the church in the community. People like joining a church which has a building and not meeting in a school or makeshift building. So the building of a church is important for church growth.

Outlook

Our prayer is to see more churches being roofed especially during this coming dry season. This would help the members to be meeting in a well secure building which is roofed and protected from the harsh rains of the rainy season. The Africa Evangelical church would also gain confidence with the communities that it is a serious and community Church. This would reflect on the reason for which the church was established; reaching out to the lost with the gospel of our Lord Jesus at the same time helping them to be grounded in the word of God.

The church at Muyaya recently had their roof blown off, so they have salvaged some materials, but the corrugated iron sheeting was badly damaged and we hope to buy some more sheets and put the roof back on in the next few months.

May you join us in praying for the 9 churches which are still looking for support for their roofing

Prayer

- Give thanks for the missionary families who still have an active interest in praying for and giving to the ministries here in Malawi.
- Give thanks for the efforts of the congregations to have their church structures erected.
- Pray that God would provide for the remaining churches to be roofed.