



What in the world is God doing? And where is it being done?

One answer is this: in Africa. For more than two decades, Pittsburgh Presbytery (PCUSA) and the Synod of Blantyre (Church of Central Africa: Presbyterian) have enjoyed one of the longest-lasting, farthest reaching partnerships our denominations have known. Since 1991, hundreds of people have traveled in one direction or the other seeking to experience a taste of what it means to be a Christian in a different culture.

In July 2015, Pittsburgh Presbytery will be sponsoring an “Investment in Mission” journey to “The Warm Heart of Africa”. With the leadership of Pastor Dave Carver (Moderator of the International Partnership Ministry Team) and his wife, Sharon, our group will travel to Malawi and

- *experience the warmth of African hospitality*
- *join with our partners in the Synod of Blantyre in seeking to support and encourage churches and Christians in rural areas*
- *learn about and participate in the CCAP’s programs of evangelism and nurture*
- *visit our sister congregations and witness how the Gospel is thriving in the Global South*

This trip is particularly appropriate for

- *Teaching Elders/Pastors who would like to get a vision of how ministry is shared in the African context*
- *Congregants who are active in mission and service committees here in Pittsburgh*
- *Members of churches that are seeking to enhance or revitalize partnership relations with their sister congregations in Malawi.*
- *Those who have never been to Africa before and are open to the idea of Mission Travel as a Spiritual Pilgrimage that will contribute to the health and vitality of the individual believer as well as the sending and host churches*

Trip Details:

Travel: *Depart Pittsburgh very early on the morning of July 14 and return to Pittsburgh the afternoon of July 29*

Cost: *We are still firming up all of the details, but assume that this experience will cost approximately \$3200/person, and will include all transportation, all lodging and meals in Malawi, and some group expenses. Participants, who are responsible for obtaining passports, vaccinations, and a few other incidentals, will be given advice and information on fund-raising*

Applications *are available online at www.pghpip.org or from Cindy Miller in the Presbytery Office (412-323-1400). These should be completed and returned with a deposit of \$100 by January 15, 2015. Please note that an application does not guarantee the opportunity to participate in this journey, and all applicants will be interviewed and given more information about the nature of the trip and the expectations for participants.*

Each participant will be expected to take part in orientation and preparation sessions and complete some reading prior to the trip.