



# FACT SHEET



## ABOUT MALAWI

- Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. The population is over 20 million. The average person makes about \$1 USD per day.
- The staple food of Malawi is nsima. It is made from maize or corn. A daily portion of nsima for one person is made from a palmful of maize.
- For decades, Malawians have received handouts from outsiders. This has not solved the poverty problem but instead promoted unhealthy dependence on outside support.
- The government of Malawi wants to break the cycle of dependency as part of "Malawi 2063: An Inclusively Wealthy and Self-reliant Nation" and multiple government ministers have communicated enthusiastic support for Palmful of Maize.
- STUM (Sunday School Teacher's United Movement) provides curriculum for the churches of Malawi through an extensive country-wide network.

## ABOUT PALMFUL OF MAIZE (POM)

- The POM vision was inspired by "Handful of Rice", the story of the Mizoram church in India, which went from unchurched and poor but having rice to converting widely to Christianity and to becoming known for their missions efforts fueled by "Handful of Rice" giving.
- The core idea for POM comes from the story of the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark's Gospel. In Mark 6:38, Jesus asks the disciples "What do you have? Go and see." In that story, a boy has 5 loaves and 2 fish. In Malawi, every child has maize.
- In March 2022, GTP collaborated with GenerousChurch and STUM to create a curriculum to teach the children of Malawi to "Give God what you have." As an application, each child would be encouraged to bring to church a palmful of maize to church.
- From April to August 2022, GTP looked at what we had, raised additional funds from generous givers, and invested about \$100,000 USD. This deployed the STUM team to share the curriculum and POM vision in 12 of the 28 districts of Malawi.
- In October 2022, GTP and STUM staff visited 4 of the 12 districts and produced this video to share what God is doing in Malawi. As of October 2022, this is the impact:
  - 1,728 teachers trained in 12 districts
  - 12,560 children participating in POM
  - 284 churches actively engaging children
  - 13,050 kg of maize contributed
- GTP is praying for the funds to deploy the POM team to spread the vision to the remaining 16 of 28 districts in Malawi. Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania also want POM.

## ABOUT GTP

- GTP empowers national workers to build trust and grow local giving to God's work around the world. Our 10 full-time staff live and serve in Australia, Canada, Egypt, Guatemala, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Rwanda, South Africa, and the USA.
- GTP collaborates with partners to expand reach and also employs part-time contracts as needed, including 7 workers in Malawi to increase our impact in this context.
- GTP wants you to join the movement. Give God what you have to help spread this vision across the rest of Malawi and to other countries around the globe.