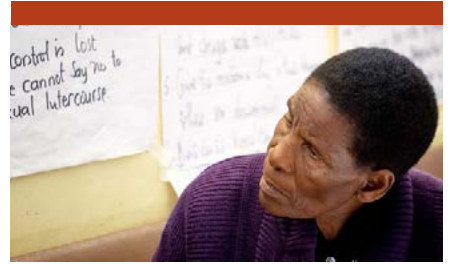




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# MALAWI MATTERS REPORT 2017 | TRIP.2 BY THE NUMBERS



*"I would personally want to thank you for the support you are giving towards this program. It is changing many people's lives. We have trained almost 400 adult participants in the just one summer. We are very certain that as we go in the community model, things will be good and hope to be of the help of the people in the communities."*

**| Franklin Gwengwe**  
RR Mlanda, Mphunzi, Nkhoma



**52 SESSIONS** were conducted with our MMI leaders in Malawi!

**3 DAYS** of meetings and planning were conducted with David, our in-country coordinator, and the 9 Regional Reps to coordinate their ongoing work in **188 VILLAGES** where MMI programs have taken root.

**167 AREA & LOCAL REPS** participated in our Creative Methods of HIV & AIDS Education continuing education/refresher course. We covered topics including:

- briefing on ARVs and treatment options by medical personnel,
- cultural practices and the impact teaching is having on reducing spread of HIV.

**190 AREA & LOCAL REPS** participated in our Equipping Women | Empowering Girls continuing education/refresher courses held in 4 locations. The topics covered were requested by the leaders and included:

- alcohol and drugs and their connection to HIV & AIDS,
- coping with conflict and resulting anxiety and stress,
- human rights and the connection to child marriage and gender based violence.

**COUNTLESS GATHERINGS** and phone calls took place with representatives of the Office of President and Cabinet regarding registration as an NGO in Malawi, and with the Ministry of Education of Malawi and District officials for Education regarding the expansion of the Creative Methods of HIV & AIDS Education community model in **2,000 SCHOOLS.**

**365 DAYS** MMI's work takes place year-around—not just during the two times a year that a team from the U.S. is in Malawi. Coordinating programs and follow-up is continuously done via email and phone to keep things going and growing!

## SO, WHO ARE THE RRs, ARs and LRs???

This from **Emily's blog**, "They come from all walks of life. They are teachers, NGO workers, village leaders and chiefs, farmers, students, nurses, pastors, housewives, and shop owners. And, except for the Coordinator, all positions are unpaid. They take time away



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from their paying jobs, they sell off livestock, they invest their own money for transport and supplies, they travel hundreds of miles, they leave their families for days—all to participate in these trainings and gain knowledge.

It's really empowering to hear their stories and see all the ways they commit themselves to the program. As they say over and over, what they learn in these classes, and what they are then able to go and teach others in their communities, is literally saving lives. Every day, the people of Malawi Matters are dedicating themselves to saving the lives of their friends, neighbors, families, and community members through the power of education."

Emily, Jordan and Ben are living and working in Malawi for the next nine months! You can follow their adventures on [The Maiden Voyages](#).

## AND IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHERE YOUR DONATION REALLY GOES...

Every activity conducted by Malawi Matters is voluntary—all programs are funded purely through donation. The overhead costs are incredibly low—basically the only money that does not go to programming is the small amount of money used to buy a few supplies, about \$50/month to rent an office space in Malawi, and a small salary for the Coordinator. All U.S. volunteers who assist in facilitating the training pay their own way—meals, lodging, transport, all of it. **So, when you donate to Malawi Matters, you know virtually every single cent of your donation will go directly to the programming!**

Donations can be made on our website: [malawimatters.org](http://malawimatters.org) via PayPal and click on the "Donate Now" tab. Register Malawi Matters with Amazon Smile and a percentage of your purchases will go to changing lives in Malawi. Go into your Amazon account, search Amazon Smile and search Malawi Matters to select us.

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