

# Malawi

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## MISSIONS



Malawi means “flame” in the national language of the land, Chichewa. Certainly the Spirit’s fire can be witnessed at work in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa – Malawi (LCCA-M). Since WELS started the mission in 1963, the LCCA-M has grown to more than 44,000 members in 133 congregations served by 34 national pastors and aided by four missionaries. The good news of Jesus Christ is proclaimed in both rural and urban communities from the north to the south of the country.

An extensive pastor training program works to provide more national pastors for the future. The Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI), located in Lilongwe, Malawi, prepares members of both the LCCA-M and Lutheran Church of Central Africa-Zambia (LCCA-Z) for their seminary studies. After three years of training at the Lutheran Bible Institute, students move on to the Seminary in Lusaka, Zambia, for three additional years of seminary studies. Students from both Zambia and Malawi are then called to work in the Lord’s harvest fields in their home country. Indeed the Spirit’s fire is burning brightly in Malawi, Africa.

## **Mission Statistics**

Baptized national members: 44,000+

Organized congregations: 133

Missionaries: 4

National pastors: 34

National evangelists: 1

Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) students: 10

Seminary students: 4

## **Praying for Malawi**

Dear Jesus, Lord of the Church, we ask you to bless our brothers and sisters in Malawi. Raise up leaders to shepherd your flock in this place. Give these leaders of our sister church body the courage and insight they need to lead their people as they bear witness to your name. Give the peace of eternal forgiveness to hearts and lives that struggle with hardships that we seldom experience. Use these many witnesses to spread your Good News in this place.