



Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Village of Mgwayi, Malawi



The village of Mgwayi is located to the west of Malawi's capital, Lilongwe, within walking distance of the Children of the Nations Njewa Ministry Center. This community consists of about 3,000 people, most of whom do not have access to proper education, food, or health care. Due to the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Malawi, 53 percent of the country's population is under age 18. Most women are widowed or divorced and leading single-parent households. Residents of Mgwayi are members of the Chewa tribe, which is heavily involved in secret societies and voodoo.

COTN has around 250 children enrolled in our Mgwayi Village Partnership Program. Along with caring partners like you, COTN helps provide evangelism and discipleship for the growing Christian community in Mgwayi and HIV/AIDS testing and awareness training for those who need it. COTN is also building a secondary school at our ministry center and has constructed a community center and helped local widows start small businesses.



STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with Mgwayi, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on village-specific projects:

[Click here to see all available projects in Malawi.](#)

VENTURE

As you become more invested in Mgwayi, your church may decide to take a Venture trip and see firsthand how you can partner with this community. For more information, check out our Malawi Venture [calendar for this year!](#)

In addition, we keep a standby list of emergency response medical and construction teams. Please contact [our Venture department](#) for more information.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is still an important need in Mgwayi, as we seek to provide holistic care for the children. As we continue to help families become more stable and independent, we also provide school fees, food, and medical care to over 250 children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event, or individuals can sponsor at any time.

Village Partnership Program: Sponsor a child living with their parents or caregivers.

University/Vocational Program: Sponsor a student's higher education and partner with them to transform their community.

[Click here to see all the children who need sponsors in the Mgwayi Village Partnership Program.](#)

DONATE RESOURCES

Wherever possible, COTN believes in purchasing needed supplies from local businesses in each country. However, we still have a need to ship supplies and equipment to supplement nutrition, clothing, and other materials for our children. Specifically, in Mgwayi, we are in need of

- **COTN Item of the Month**
Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for [Mgwayi](#).



- **Feeding Children Initiative**
You can help provide [food from local sources](#) to our children in Mgwai, supporting the community around Mgwai.
- **SmilePacks®**
[SmilePacks](#) help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in Mgwai. We collect Bible, School, Hygiene, and Let's Eat SmilePacks.
- **Pack a Container**
Together with other local churches you can pack an entire shipping container of supplies for the children in Mgwai.

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