



Urbana's Sister City
Zomba, Malawi



Urbana, Illinois



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**A partnership of discovery and
cooperation between two communities
on different sides of the globe**

Sister City Partnership

Malawi—
“The Warm
Heart of Africa”



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Zomba, Malawi and Urbana, Illinois

Sister City relationship approved by Mayor: March 10, 2008.

Ratified by Sister Cities International: July 3, 2008.

Program Chairman

Dennis Roberts, Urbana City Council, Ward 5.

African Partnership

Charles Kalemba, Chief Executive Officer of Zomba.

Mussa Mwale, Assistant to the Director

Vuwa Phiri, Director of Chancellor's Library, chairman of the
AUPAP project committee

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Urbana - Zomba Partnership Vision Statement

- The people of the two communities to enjoy lasting friendship and prosperity in peace, freedom and dignity.



Seal of the City of Zomba: "Floreat Zomba"

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Goals

- To mutually improve the economic, social and cultural well being of the two communities through the following activities:
 - Increasing our understanding of each other's communities and ways of life,
 - Exchanging experience and best practice in local government,
 - Supporting cultural and educational exchanges for mutual growth and understanding.

About Malawi

Location

Malawi is a small country in S.E. Africa. Lake Malawi forms most of the eastern border.



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About Malawi

Location and Size

- Located in Southeastern Africa, east of Zambia, West of Mozambique, Malawi is 118,480 sq. km., or slightly smaller than Pennsylvania.

Economy

- Mostly agricultural, 90% subsistence farming, and fishing; Malawi is among the world's least developed nations.
- Exports: tea, sugar cane, coffee, tobacco.

Population

- +15 million (2009)

Government

- Democracy. President: Mr. Bingu wa Mutharika.

The Flag of Malawi

The flag of Independent Malawi was adopted 6 July 1964.

National Flag of Malawi



The rising sun represents the dawn of hope and freedom for Africa. The 31 rays of the sun represent Malawi as the 31st independent African nation.

The color black represents the people of Africa.

The color red stands for the blood spilt in Malawi's struggle for independence.

The color green symbolizes nature and the country's vegetation.

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Malawi Politics

Dr. Bingu wa Mutharika, born February 24, 1934, a Malawi economist, politician, and the current President of Malawi. He first took office on May 24, 2004, as the candidate of the United Democratic Front (UDF).

In May, 2009 he was re-elected to serve another term.

President Mutharika died in 2012 and was succeeded in office by Vice President Joyce Banda, who served as MP from Zomba District.



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Malawi Politics

The Honorable Joyce Banda

Joyce Hilda Banda is a Malawian educator, grassroots gender rights activist turned politician who is Malawi's first female president. She had previous posts as a member of parliament the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Gender, Children's Affairs and Community Services. She was the founder of the Joyce Banda Foundation, founder of the National Association of Business Women (NABW), Young Women Leaders Network and the Hunger Project.

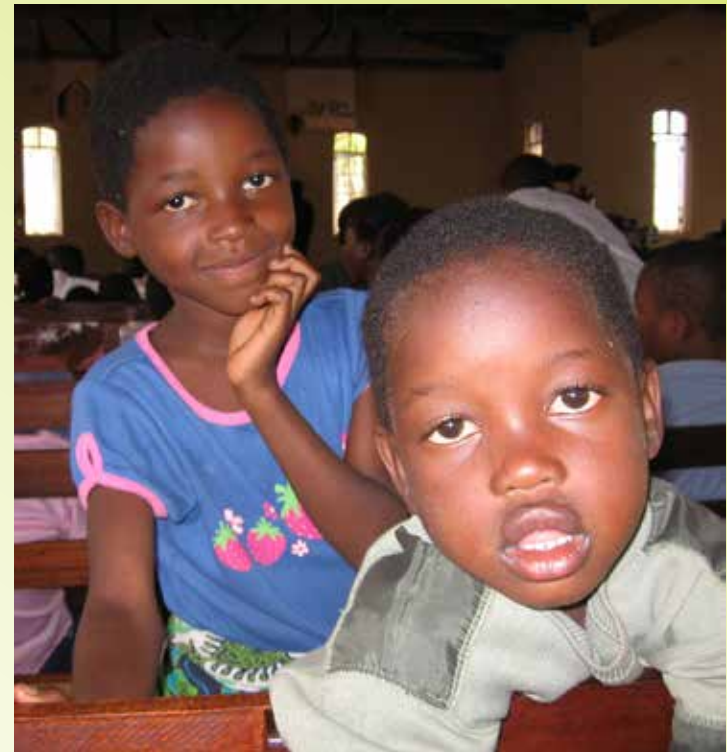
Banda comes from Malemia village in the Zomba district of Malawi.



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Language

- **“Moni”**: “Hello!”
 - Typical form of greeting when meeting someone for the first time.
 - **“Moni mayi”** (madam) when addressing a woman
 - **“Moni bambo”** (sir) when addressing a man.
- **“Zikomo”** “Thank you!”



About Zomba



- Located at the base of the Zomba Plateau in SE Malawi
- 4 th largest city in Malawi — approx. 88,000 residents
- Served as the capital of “Nyasaland” under British colonization
- David Livingston arrived as a Protestant missionary at Lake Nyasa in 1859
- Home of Chancellor’s College, University of Malawi.

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University of Malawi



Chancellor's
College Library,
University of
Malawi, Zomba.

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Zomba Plateau



Zomba Plateau,
as seen from
Jeanes Church,
Domasi.

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Village of Domasi



Street scene
in downtown
Domasi, a
village 19 km.
northeast of
Zomba..

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Foods of Malawi



- **Nsima** (nsee - ma), a thick porridge, usually eaten with your fingers. Can be made from corn or other starchy flour—even ground pumpkin vine!
- **Ndiwo** (ndee - wo), a tomato and onion sauce.
- Fish—tilapia and catfish are local favorites. Fresh fish is available daily from Lake Chilwa.



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- **Chambo** (cham-bo)
Lake Malawi is the eighth largest lake in the world, and is estimated to be over 3,000,000 years old. It is known to the world with its enormous variety of the fish.
The most popular eating fish is “Chambo”.



Lake Chilwa fishing boats

These are also caught in Lake Chilwa,
15 km east of Zomba.

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- Produce is raised in villages and brought to market in season. It is not uncommon to see small produce stands along the highway and in all village centers.



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Potatoes,
and a variety
of beans also
supplements
the diet.

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- Access to available water is important for subsistence farming. Backyard gardens and community plots provide necessary produce even in the urban areas. Water for this garden was supplied by a foot pumped irrigation system with a good well.



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- Goat herding is a common job for the younger members of the family. Goat milk and cheese supplement the diet, and goats also provide meat for the family.



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Village Life



Wash day in
the
countryside.

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Preparing
a meal.

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Village
conversations

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Young
businessmen
selling taro root.

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Waiting for the bus,
Lilongwe, capital of
Malawi.

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Urbana Sister City

Book Donation Project



Urbana's Sister Cities program conducts a book donation project, supplying new and slightly used books to the libraries and educational institutions in Malawi. 21 boxes containing 385 books have been sent to schools and libraries in the last 2 years :

- Chancellor College Library, University of Malawi, Zomba
- Bunda College Library Polytechnic College Library, Lilongwe
- Polytechnic Library, Blantyre
- Domasi College of Education, Domasi
- Malawi Educational Institute, Domasi
- United States Embassy Library, Lilongwe

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The librarian of the Malawi Educational Institute (MEI) in Domasi browses the selection of books donated during a 2007 visit to Malawi. Many of these books were donated by the staff of the University of Illinois Press.

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Jeanes Church CCAP

Domasi



Donations from the First Presbyterian Church of Urbana helped to build the Jeanes Church CCAP in Domasi, Malawi, and continues to sponsor many programs in this congregation.

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First Presbyterian Church of Urbana

Sewing Project



First Presbyterian Church of Urbana purchased five sewing machines to train members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Jeanes Church to sew to provide income to their families. The first project of the group was to sew a dress from a pattern.

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Jeanes Church CCAP



Exuberant
youngsters from
the Warm Heart
of Africa.

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Cultural Performance



Story telling
through musical
performance and
dance at Jeanes
Church in
Domasi.

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Cultural Performance



Church youth
perform a dance
program of their
own devising.

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Shallow Wells Project



The First Presbyterian Church of Urbana has established lasting bonds of friendship with Jeanes Church, CCAP, in the village of Domasi, 15 km. east of Zomba for over 10 years.



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First Presbyterian Church of Urbana

Shallow Wells Project



Each year wells are started in participating villages and lined with hand made bricks by the trained Well Team members from Jeanes Church to create safe drinking water for rural villages.

Providing clean safe drinking water reduces sickness from cholera, and typhoid, reduces infant mortality, and improves the health of the entire village.



Water supply at a village without a clean water source, near Zomba.

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In 2008 the Urbana Rotary Club and Rotary International donated \$15,000 to the Rotary Club of Blantyre for the construction of 100 new wells in the Blantyre area.

A shopping district in Blantyre,
Malawi,



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Men from the village of Chimpalta, northwest of Zomba, prepare the site of a new community water well.

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The well team sets hand made brick on a foundation of sand and gravel at the water line.

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Women bring rocks gathered in the fields to fill the hole around the brick well shaft.

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Men carry the prepared cement well cap from the village.

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Rosemary Kondoleri, school teacher, speaks to the women at Chimpaltae Village.

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The well team
assembles the
pump handle to be
placed into the
capped well shaft.

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After a dedication ceremony the leader of the village woman's committee pumps the first pure water.

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Young men act out a scene of street theatre to teach villagers how to care for and share the well with the entire community.

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Liwonde National Park Adventure



On the August 2010 trip we experienced a moment of excitement when our van was charged by a bull elephant in Lilongwe National Park!

Scotty Dossett sits in the window where the tusks of the elephant ripped two holes into the vehicle.

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Liwonde National Park Adventure



Hippo wading in the
Shire River,
Liwonde National
Park, Malawi.

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Liwonde National Park Adventure



Sunset at Liwonde
National Park, Malawi.

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Lake Malawi sunrise

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Program Overview



- **Zomba, Malawi**
 - Relationship established: 2008
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- **Urbana Sister Cities Chairman**
 - Dennis Roberts, Ward 5, Urbana City Council
- **Vision**
 - The people of the two communities to enjoy lasting friendship and prosperity in peace, freedom and dignity.

Created in 2010 by
Dennis Roberts
Chairman, Urbana Sister Cities Committee

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