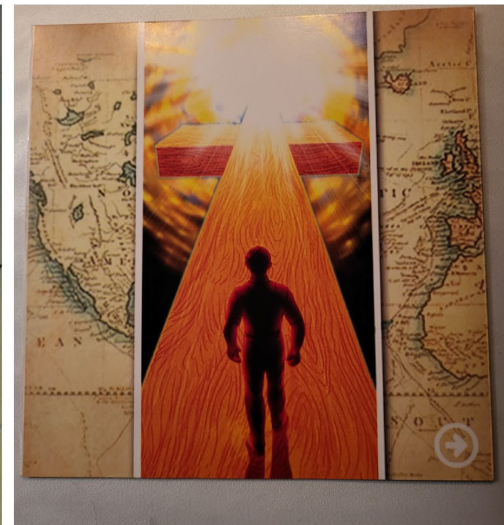
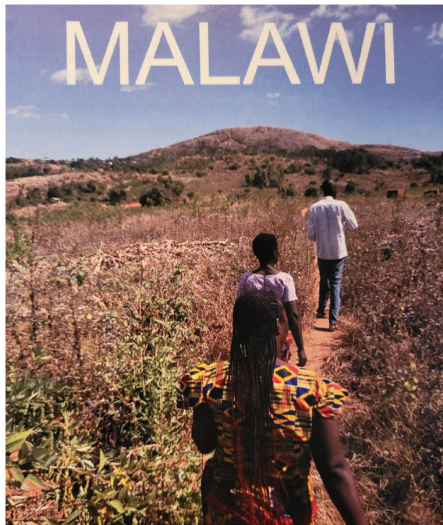


# GRACE CHAPEL SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

## 2026 INFORMATION PACKAGE



## **GCCR Missions Vision**

The goal of our missions effort is for people to come to know Christ, grow in their relationship with Christ and show Christ to others for the glory of God.

## **Great Commission Missions**

GCCR affirms the definition of missions to be any evangelistic endeavor outside our local congregation to fulfill the Great Commission by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, making disciples and gathering these disciples into local congregations, baptizing and teaching obedience of disciples to all that Jesus commanded, while relating to the needs of the total person (spiritual, mind, physical, emotional and social).

## **Missions Strategy**

GCCR's primary missions strategy is church planting. We prepare ourselves with prayer and recruiting and training for the sending of missionaries, launch teams, core teams and partnering with people and ministries that produce healthy, indigenous, self-reproducing churches for those people, tribes, tongues and nations to which God leads us (Acts 14:21-23, Rev. 5:9)





Grace Chapel 2025 Malawi Mission Trip Collage

And He said to them, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”**

**Luke 10: 2**





VIEW THE PHOTO VIDEO RECAP **HERE:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-e1R7XoDTQ>

# GOING TO THE NATIONS

**This is your opportunity to “Go To The Nations” in 2026!**

## **What**

Go to the Nations with other Christians led by an experienced Mission Trip leader to an overseas mission field

## **When**

3 trips offered to Africa

- Lumbadzi, Malawi May 23-Jun 4, 2026
- Nkhotakota, Malawi June 1-13, 2026
- Tanzania Oct 11-23, 2026

## **How**

GCCR is partnered with **e3Partners** to conduct the entire trip

Easy to follow registration process

All training is provided on “how to do a short term trip”

Preparation sessions are online step by step to get ready to go

**e3partners – Mike Talley - Mission Trip Leader**

## **EQUIP**

**We *equip* believers to take ownership of the Great Commission.**

## **EVANGELIZE**

**We send believers into local and global communities to *evangelize* the lost.**

## **ESTABLISH**

**We partner with believers to *establish* local churches across the globe.**

**website - [e3partners.org](http://e3partners.org)**

# SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

## How – continued

**Entire trip is organized by e3partners for:**

- Booking roundtrip airfare to/from country from JFK
- All in country ground transportation arranged
- All in country accommodations booked for trip duration
- 3 meals per day provided
- Average cost is \$4,000 per person (e3partner billing)
- 50% of e3partner billing contributed by GCCR for the first 10 people
- Go with someone from your small group or a couple or parent/youth.



## Lumbadzi, Malawi

### Trip Information:

**Departure Date: May 23, 2026**

Team begins their journey from various cities to travel to **Lumbadzi, Malawi.**

What to expect: Each day you will partner with local believers to share the gospel, train and disciple the new believers, and to help start new churches in villages where there is a great need for the gospel. The trip also has a veterinary component. One day at the end of the trip is set aside for touring, shopping, and free time.

**Return Date: June 4, 2026**

Return home, a changed person with many stories to tell of God's amazing power and love.

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## Nkhotakota, Malawi

### Trip Information:

**Departure Date: June 1, 2026**

Team begins their journey from various cities to travel to **Nkhotakota, Malawi.**

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### Trip Information:

**Departure Date: October 11, 2026**

Team begins their journey from their home cities to travel to **Songea, Tanzania**.

**What to expect:** Team overnights in New York City on October 11, flies from JFK on the 12th, overnights in Dar Es Salaam on the 13th and travels to Songea on the 14th. Each ministry day you will partner with local believers to share the gospel, train and disciple the believers, and plant new churches in villages where there are currently no churches.

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## **A Day on Mission**

### **A Typical Day**

The only thing we can guarantee about your day is that it will be a far cry from typical. Your activities and schedule will vary depending on the country where you work.

However, most trips follow a similar format:

- Early breakfast and devotional time with your team
- Meet with local partners and train on 4 Fields strategy and tools
- Depart for ministry location(s)
- Evangelism and discipleship throughout the day, “modeling” the tools learned in training with the nationals that morning, while looking for “Persons of Peace”
- Training new believers along the way
- Small group meetings
- Lunch in the field
- More evangelism and discipleship in the afternoon
- Depending on the country, your team may finish up in the late afternoon and head to the hotel for dinner.
- Others will continue their ministry after dinner.



## IN THE FIELD PHOTOS



Morning meeting at the church with volunteers and church planters



Danny and Carissa lead training with local Church planters





Church Planter with small village meeting





Carissa with small village





Baptisms

# SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

## **WHY Go to the Nations**

Participate in the GCCR mission trip to the “Nations”

- The Great Commission
- Help with other Christians (20-30) to work in the field
- Meet the local Christian leader that is responsible for the area
- Reach people, learn, experience the mission adventure personally
- Witness first hand, how the Lord is pouring out His Spirit in the mission field
- Local people coming to Jesus, starting new Christian groups and Churches
- Come back home to GCCR and share experiences, learning, ideas and encourage others to join in building His Kingdom by going to the Nations



## Q&A and Next Steps

If you are interested and would like more info.

The information is on the Mission tab on the GCCR website

If you are interested in learning more: click QR code

Also, please contact Frank McKenna directly by email or phone to discuss anything regarding the Short Term Trips

[frank.mckenna@gc-cr.org](mailto:frank.mckenna@gc-cr.org) or 301-502-3584

# Appendix

# e3Partners Guide

## Preparing for a Short Term Mission Trip

### *Preparing for Ministry*

- Expect Great Things
- A Typical Day
- Spiritual Preparation
- Cross-Cultural Ministry 101
- Sharing God's Story in Your Life
- Your Toolkit
- The Person of Peace
- A Believer's First Steps

### *Getting Ready*

- What You'll Need to Do
- Packing List
- Fundraising
- Travel Basics/Staying
- Healthy & Safe

### *Coming Home*

- Now What?
- A New Tension
- Stay Connected



# WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Whether you're traveling with us for the first time or have been on mission before, we make the process as simple as possible by handling all of the arrangements, leaving you with nothing to worry about!

[TRIP GUIDEBOOK](#)

E3Partners Trip Guidebook

[e3partners.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/e3\\_Guidebook\\_June\\_2022.pdf](https://e3partners.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/e3_Guidebook_June_2022.pdf)

## Fundraising

It's tempting to let the cost of foreign travel get in the way of going on mission— but e3 makes it easy to raise financial support so you can embark on a fully-funded trip. We provide you with resources, tips, and the fundraising infrastructure to make it happen. Plus, raising support gives others an incredible opportunity to participate in your mission from home.

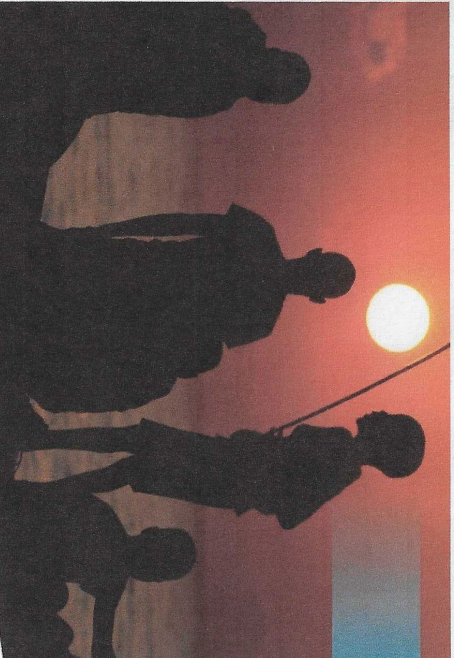
## Logistics

In preparation for your mission trip, there will be plenty of details to juggle: travel forms, immunization schedules, itineraries, airfare, lodging, meals and more. But you can relax because we take care of nearly everything! Our experienced trip coordinators manage the important details so you can focus on sharing the Gospel and making disciples.

## **Trip Preparation & Training**

Prior to your departure, you'll meet your mission trip leader and fellow team members through a series of training sessions. You'll receive important cultural insights and practice using simple & effective evangelism tools to share the Gospel. And most importantly, you'll discover how to prepare yourself spiritually for the amazing experience that lies ahead.

2026 Trip Flyers



# Malawi

*"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"*

- Habakkuk 2:14



## Fundraising Goal: \$4,000\*

\$ 100 non-refundable deposit  
\$2,000 due 2/11/2026  
Balance due 4/23/2026 (30 Days)  
\* Contingent on Airfare

## Transportation:

Round trip economy class airfare and all in country transportation.

## Meals and Hotels:

Three daily meals are provided on work days, and all accommodations are provided throughout the trip.

## Follow-Up:

A portion of your trip cost is used solely for the follow-up, leadership training, Bibles and discipleship of the new believers and churches.

## Pre-Leadership Training:

National leaders are trained prior to the church planting trip

## Lumbadzi, Malawi

### Trip Information:

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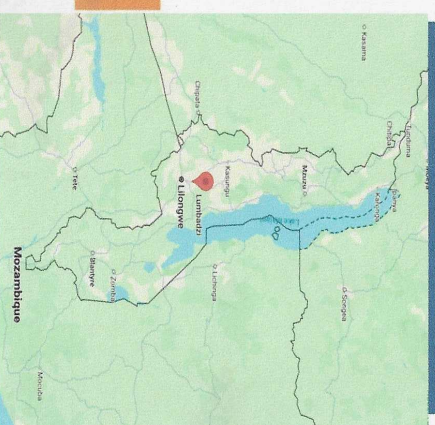
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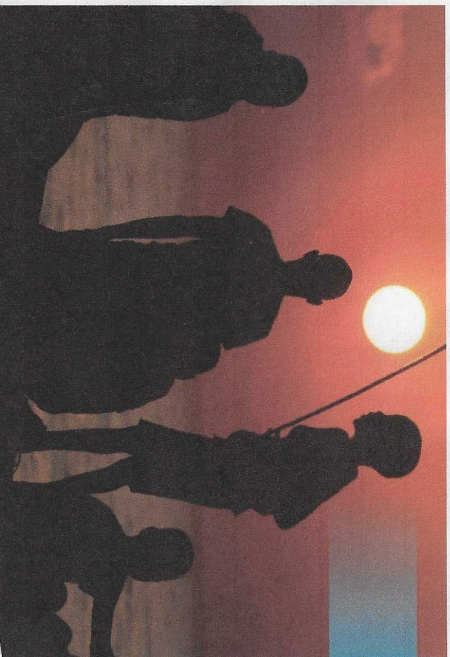
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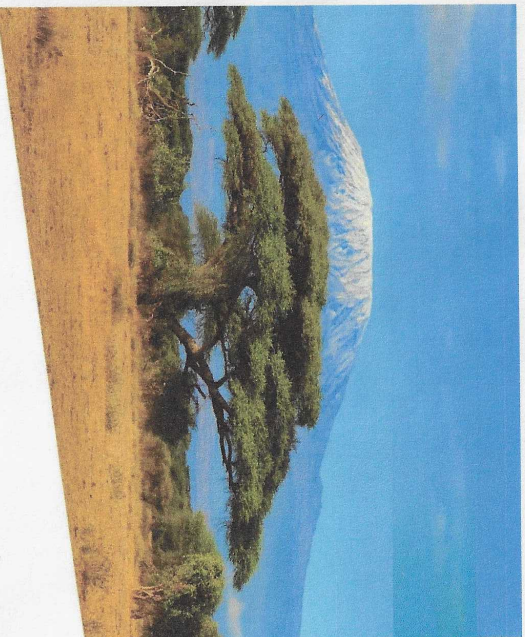
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## Mission Leadership



### Mike Talley

Mike Talley is the current president of Training Centers for Church Planters (TCCP) where he has served as the East Africa Director since 2007.

Mike has been on staff with e3 Partners Ministry for 27 years, serving as the e3 Strategy Coordinator for Malawi, Tanzania, Dominican Republic and Venezuela at various times since 1998.

Mike has led more than 100 short-term mission teams to various countries throughout the world to evangelize, disciple and help start new churches and home groups.

Mike is Mission Pastor at Grace Church – Ovilla Tx - <https://www.gracechurchdfw.org/>

Mike lives in Duncanville, Texas with his wife, Darla. They have three children and five grandchildren.





## Danny Cleave

Danny Cleave is the Vice President of TCCP. Danny has been working with E3 Partners and TCCP since 2013 with his wife Carissa Cleave.

Danny and his wife have helped start hundreds of churches and have preached the Gospel of Jesus to thousands of people in Malawi and Tanzania, Africa.

Danny is the Administrative Pastor and Apologetics teacher at the Altar Church in North Idaho where he and his beautiful wife have six wonderful children



### **Paul Buhwahwa-Africa Director**

Rev. Paul Buhwahwa is the current TCCP Director for Tanzania. He has been a country Director for 16 years when TCCP was introduced in Tanzania.

Since 2007 he has helped to open more than 800 training centers throughout Tanzania which have graduated more than 10,000 students. Rev. Buhwahwa has been instrumental in introducing TCCP in other African countries, including Malawi, Kenya, Burundi, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique.

Rev Paul Buhwahwa has also been serving as a Country Director for e3 Partners in Tanzania since 2006 where He has been organizing and hosting e3 Partners teams from the USA, whose main goals are to equip God's people to evangelize and establishing new churches.

Rev Paul Buhwahwa is married to his wonderful wife Eva Maisala Buhwahwa, and they have four children and six grandchildren.