

Prayers for the 4 Building Hope Ministries

Malawi

O God of all the peoples of the earth, some of your children know lives of ease and prosperity while others struggle with insecurity and lack of basic needs. We pray for the people of Malawi, who anticipate little ease and whose daily lives are often difficult. Grant, we pray, that the ministries of Dr. Barbara Nagy, Dr. David Morton, Dr. Reyneir ter Haar, and other medical professionals at Nkhoma Hospital in Nkhoma, Malawi might continue to bear your healing touch and bring relief to the sick. May our joint vision to expand the reach of Nkhoma Hospital to many thousands more Malawians through the development of 9 satellite rural clinics be blessed. May many more feel your sustaining love through better health, better opportunities, and better education. With our gifts of love, undergird the Ebenezer School as well, that it might work in conjunction with the hospital to raise the standard of living in Malawi. Through our generosity, fill your people with hope for an easier, brighter future. Amen.

Vital Churches

Praise to you Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We gather to worship and adore you in our congregations, trusting that our hymns, prayers, sermons, and service are pleasing to you. Show us, we pray, more effective ways to demonstrate our gratitude. Guide us in paths of deeper devotion. Call us into places of growth and change, only for the sake of more of your people knowing you and loving you. Tease us to stretch our minds and blossom in commitment. Urge us to communicate your grace with all our hearts. Summon us to nurture the life of the soul, both our own and those we do not yet know. This we pray through the one who energizes us for every new season or circumstance of life. Amen.

Guatemala

We celebrate, O Divine Teacher, that your churches here in Western N.C. have cared enough about your children in Guatemala that they have dedicated themselves to education in “the land of green trees.” Having seen the value of education to advance life goals, your disciples have given many wonderful school scholarships. Having received many opportunities themselves, the churches of PWNC would now like to care even more deeply and enable promising students in Guatemala to continue their education into college and trade school. We also want to partner with brothers and sisters who are being called to serve the Church in Guatemala by encouraging quality seminary education. You, who nurture in us all good gifts of grace, shape us into compassionate people who learn and grow along with those in “the land of green trees.”

Camp Grier

Great Creator, you made a natural world that delights, inspires, and provides for us. For many years you have used the beautiful land at Camp Grier to draw your children near to yourself. Through the enjoyment of your created order, you have built trust and faith and shown your children how to live at peace with all. We pray that now you will equip us to attract a new generation to this sacred place, that the ancient lessons of faith, harmony, and peace may be shared effectively from generation to generation to your glory. Amen.

PRAYER FOR BUILDING H.O.P.E.

Gracious and loving God, you have led your people in this Presbytery to found and support four Ministries that benefit so many in revitalized Congregations and in improved health care in Malawi, as well as in a growing Christian Camp and in better education for children and young adults in Guatemala.

Inspire and guide us now, O Lord, by your Holy Spirit, to renew our commitment to strengthen these four vital Ministries through our prayers, our leadership, and our financial support, that the Good News of the saving love of Jesus Christ may be better proclaimed and followed.

In Jesus name, Amen

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