

## You Can be Involved

100% of the funds collected go to the students' educational needs. This is truly a volunteer driven program. We are working with a \$10,000 matching grant. For every dollar raised through October 31, 2014, a dollar will be matched, up to a cap of \$10,000. Your money can do twice as much.

By volunteering:

- ◇ Pray for our sister church and students
- ◇ Bake for an SPC bake sale fundraiser
- ◇ Be a teacher in the school
- ◇ Help with our Lebo Subs fundraisers
- ◇ Share this information to get others involved
- ◇ Help with social media
- ◇ Join the Mt. Lebanon High School Malawi Club
- ◇ Share ideas for additional fundraisers

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## History

Southminster Presbyterian Church (SPC), Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and St. Andrews Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (SACCAP) in Mulanje, Malawi, have a unique story. The Senior Pastor of SPC, Rev. Dr. Dan Merry, and his family served as missionaries to Malawi in 2004-2005 and continued this relationship with SACCAP upon their return to Pittsburgh. In 2008 SPC members, including Chuck Stout and Jim Carr, visited Malawi to talk with the members of SACCAP about how best to be in partnership. It was decided that the best thing that could happen would be to build a high school to educate their children and to teach English.

As a result, St. Andrews Mission Secondary School (SAMSS) was constructed in collaboration with the two churches in 2012. SPC member Chris Stengel installed computers donated by Mt. Lebanon High School at SAMSS. In September 2012 SAMSS opened with 100 students. In 2013 SPC high school students went on a mission trip to Malawi which included a tour of SAMSS. Upon their return, they established a Malawi Club at Mt. Lebanon High School to further the connections. The 2013/2014 school year attendance at SAMSS reached maximum capacity with 200 students in grades 9 through 12. SPC continued its support by sponsoring teachers Mark Etzel and Steven Taylor. The partnership continues to grow and flourish in exciting ways.

***Your prayers are coveted.***



## Would you, could you be the answer to a prayer?

Southminster Presbyterian Church is partnering with St. Andrews Mission Secondary School to help end the cycle of poverty for students in Mulanje, Malawi, Africa.

The partnership is working to raise money:

1. To provide scholarships;
2. To provide bicycles for students walking long distances; and
3. To provide students with nutritious lunches at school.



## Scholarship

Education is a priceless commodity in Malawi. A full school year's tuition is \$300, which is \$100 for each of three semesters, yet the average yearly earnings are less than \$320 per year for 60% of the population in Malawi! How can the students afford to attend high school?

Malawi provides free education for all children through the eighth grade. All high schools are private. Some of the villages pool their resources and select a student to support. Sometimes it is extended family members who pay the tuition. Education is the springboard to a better life, a better family life and a better community at large. ***You can be the answer to a prayer by enabling a child to go to high school.***



## Bicycles for Students

Some of the students walk up to 6 miles to attend St. Andrews. At a walking speed of 3 miles per hour, it could take over two hours to walk to school in the morning and over two hours to walk home in the afternoon. School is that important!

Bicycles would provide students with much faster commutes to school. Bicycles can reduce the commutes from two hours to 35 minutes. No more getting up at 4:30 a.m. to get to school on time. The students will have more time to study and sleep! An African bicycle is constructed to travel the rugged terrain and costs around \$80. ***You can be the answer to a prayer by enabling a child to ride a bicycle to school.***

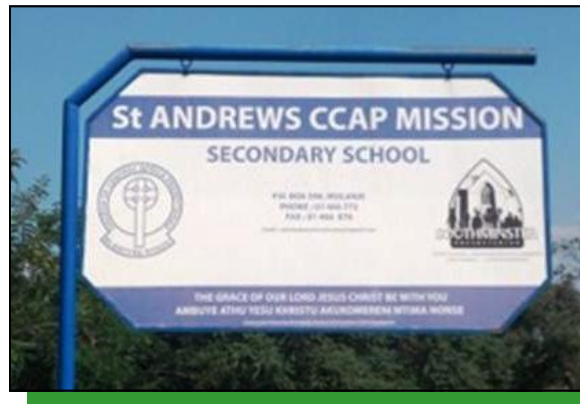


## Daily Nutrition Program

Hunger among students is a fact of life. In Malawi over 46% of the population is in need of nutritious meals. Each day half of the students come to school hungry. Teachers have sent students home during the day because they cannot focus due to hunger.

For just 85 cents a day, each student could receive a nutritious lunch at St. Andrews. The employment of the cooks will benefit the local economy. The local church is working with SPC to create a sustainable method of food production for the school. Our goal is to kick off the program with \$30,000 to provide the 200 students with a full year of nutritious lunches at the school.

***You can be the answer to a prayer by enabling a child to receive a nutritious lunch.***



## How You Can Donate

Your support is vital in all ways. By helping with tuition payments, by helping students get to school more quickly or by helping to provide nutritious lunches, you could be an answer to a prayer!

Yes! I want to support the students of St. Andrews Mission Secondary School.

By making a donation:

### Scholarship Fund

- Support one student for a school year - \$300
- Support one student for one semester - \$100
- Support one student for one month - \$33
- Support an amount you choose - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Bicycles for Students Fund

- Support one student with a bicycle - \$80
- Support one student with a half of a bike - \$40
- Support an amount you choose - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Daily Nutrition Program Fund

- Support one student for a school year - \$153
- Support one student for one semester - \$51
- Support one student for a month - \$17
- Support an amount you choose - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Use my donation wherever it is needed! \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to **Southminster Presbyterian Church** and send to Southminster at 799 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Be sure to indicate the fund of your preference in the memo line.

Or you can donate on our secure site by going to [www.spchurch.org](http://www.spchurch.org) and clicking on the **Donate Now** button.