

Mission Encounter

In 2010 group of people from Birmingham Diocese will travel to Malawi to visit the church, engage with culture, and to have an experience that will change them.

We would like to invite you to join us for a Mission Encounter in 2010.



Mission Encounter offers you the opportunity to have an introduction to life and faith in Malawi spending two weeks travelling around the country. Simple meetings and conversations are at the heart of the trip, and are some of the best ways to continue developing the relationship between the Diocese of Birmingham and the Dioceses in Malawi.

This trip is designed to give you an insight into the life of the people in Malawi. You will have the opportunity to visit cities, villages, townships as well as a tea estate in the south. You will experience the traditional warm Malawian by visiting remote Anglican churches where you will have the opportunity to provide encouragement to those you meet.

Mission Encounter is also a time to develop relationships with people from your own diocese as you enjoy the fellowship of being in a small team.

This programme is also designed so that you can have some time for your own relaxation. There is time built into the trip to spend by the lake and to go on safari. We want you to come back feeling that you've had an amazing experience, but also that you've enjoyed a little rest.

Accommodation

Throughout your visit half board accommodation will be provided at lodges, Diocesan training centres and tourist hotels. All accommodation has been visited and stayed in by members of the Birmingham Diocese mission team and we are confident that you will enjoy your stay.

To keep costs lower those travelling alone will be sharing rooms wherever possible. If you are not happy to share, single rooms can be arranged on payment of an appropriate singles supplement.



Cost

Responding to concerns regarding the cost of the trips we have taken steps to reduce the cost of the Mission Encounter trip. The cost for ground arrangements only will be around £800 and will include:

- Accommodation for 13 nights
- Breakfast and one other meal during the day
- Internal travel
- An agreed number of sightseeing days, including safari

The main difference will be that participants will have the option to book their own flights, and so enjoying the reduced costs that come with buying tickets individually rather than through an agent. Participants will be responsible for getting themselves to Lilongwe for a particular date, and upon arrival will be collected from the airport.

We can still purchase air tickets for participants if they wish, in which case we will pass the cost of the tickets directly on to them.

When?

The dates for the trip will be tailored to the availability of those who are interested in joining us. The suggested time of travels is during the British summer months (June, July, August, September). The duration of the trip is approximately a fortnight.

Anyone interested should come to an introductory evening at Diocesan Office (175 Harborne Park Road, B17 0BH) on the 20th January at 19:30. Please contact Sally (contact details below) to let her know that you are planning to come. If you are interested but cannot make the date of the meeting, then please contact Sally for information.

Contact:

If you are interested in joining us and experiencing a Mission Encounter, or if you are simply interested in finding out more about the Malawi Partnership, then please contact Sally Bossingham the Bishop's Adviser for Mission:

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