

HOME OF HOPE

MCHINJI CHILDREN'S HOME

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How can I help while I'm here?

Ideas for serving at Home of Hope, Mchinji

Visitors must plan on being as self-sufficient as possible. Please be prepared to take initiative in finding opportunities to serve. It is not possible to list everything that you may be able to do while you are visiting us. Please consider this list a starting point.

Whatever you would like to help with when you're here, we suggest you bring anything you need with you (eg hammers, musical instrument). It is not always easy, or indeed possible, to purchase things here.

Kids

- love, play with, chat with the kids;
- pray for some of the kids, fellow visitors, employees, or village women waiting at the Maize mill;
- run regular bible studies with a small group of kids – talk through problems they might be experiencing (mentor-like relationship);
- paint, colour in or crafts with the kids (bring what you need with you);
- teach the kids English, read with them (bring simple children's English books);
- teach the kids a song, or ask them to teach you one;
- learn Chichewa with some children or a house parent;
- take pictures of the kids (don't forget to show them the photos - they love this);
- eat a meal with the children;
- organize athletic events (bring equipment you need);
- help in a children's dorm (you could paint rooms, bring donations of clothes, bedding, towels, etc., organize an activity with them, pray with them at bedtime,...);
- musicians - we love music here - maybe you can teach some kids an instrument (bring instrument/s with you)?
- teachers - we are always happy to have your help in our schools, either teaching classes or tutoring students who need extra assistance;

Home of Hope Village

- prayer walk around the base;
- pick up rubbish around the base (get some kids to help you);
- set up a new garden bed - get some kids to help you (bring seeds, gardening tools with you);
- engineers, builders, plumbers, electricians, etc - we have many buildings and there is always something to do - even better, work with some of our local staff and/or older kids and teach them your skills;
- IT - our computers are very old and there is always something that needs fixing - local repair costs are prohibitive - even better, work with some of our local staff and/or older kids and teach them your skills;
- administration - we always need help in our office, eg updating child databases, information...;
- medical clinic (if you have medical, nursing or first aid experience, or to pray);

Other

- spend some quiet time with God;
- prepare something to share with your church/friends/colleagues when you get home - don't forget lots of pictures;
- cook dinner for other visitors or a staff member/s;
- bake a cake for someone;
- prepare a short teaching for morning or afternoon devotions (talk to the chaplain about this);
- defrost and clean out the visitors' centre fridge/freezer;
- reorganise the visitors' centre kitchen, clean shelves and see what is missing. A list of things to bring for the visitors centre can be found on our [website](#);
- reorganise the visitors' centre - previous visitors have left things behind;
- your ideas - the opportunities are limited only by your imagination!