

MISSION STATEMENT

Promised Land Foundation seeks to address the challenges of poverty for children and their families living in Africa, particularly Malawi and Zambia, and provide sustainable and meaningful hope. We partner with local charitable Christian organizations already working in their communities to provide education, food, shelter, clothing, and the hope and love of the Gospel. Our heartfelt prayer is that more and more children grow up without the burden of poverty and can experience the hope that comes with having opportunities for long lasting success and to live their lives to the fullest potential.

“For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Promised Land Foundation (US) is a charitable organization. Our 501(c)(3) exemption is pending. Please visit our website (<https://PromisedLandFoundation.org>) to learn more about our exciting charity and our quest to help the less fortunate of this world.

HISTORY

Timothy A. Peloquin (“Tim”) and his wife, Heather, began and founded Promised Land Foundation in the summer-fall of 2022 to expand the work they began over decades in sponsoring vulnerable children in developing countries. Tim and Heather have always had a heart for helping and sharing the blessings they have received with others, particularly the less fortunate of this world living in dire impoverished circumstances.

As the owner of a successful New Hampshire small business, Tim has had the opportunity to travel numerous times to developing nations for two plus decades now. Since 2017, the focus has been to Zambia and Malawi, Africa- ranked the 11th and 3rd poorest countries in the world respectively. He has seen the ravages of poverty up close and personal- with 87% of the population there (Zambia and Malawi) living well below the poverty level, unfortunately leaving vulnerable children with no practical means for education and desperate for basic needs (food, shelter, and clothing). Every time when returning to the US, a new appreciation is felt for the abundance we as Americans enjoy and feel more and more compelled to help the children and families encountered.

“and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?” James 2:16

In memory of Tim’s mom and dad, who both passed away in late 2016, they began sponsoring four vulnerable children in Lusaka, Zambia (Bauleni community) through Family Legacy (<https://familylegacy.com/>) via their longtime good friends and missionaries there in Zambia- Danny and Sarah Lightner and family. This organization, Family Legacy, is focused on “glorifying God by serving the vulnerable and orphaned children of Zambia so they can live up to their God-given potential.” Family Legacy currently cares for 13,000+ of these beautiful children and as witnessed several times, their work is humbling, admirable, and indeed very encouraging.

That ministry in Zambia soon expanded to Malawi, the country next door, when Tim met Macleadson Kafunya (Mac) in 2018 via an “unfortunate” missed flight and serendipitous and fortuitous meeting. Mac currently works for the government in Blantyre, the capital of Malawi, to support his wife (Maria) and five children, earning approximately 100 USD a month, which is more than most but still falls below the poverty line. On weekends, he leads an orphanage (of which his childhood years knows all too well) in the Dedza region of Malawi and pastors and leads five churches, all without compensation. Mac worked as an abandoned child in the village cultivating gardens or whatever he could do so he could earn a small wage to pay to go to school and gain an education (where now he has even earned a college degree). Obviously, he worked hard, very hard, to be where he is today, and counts his blessings. Now, with all that Mac has known and seen, he deeply desires to give back within his impoverished areas of Malawi to help others with similar hardships. Mac has become a dear friend, and I am personally inspired by him. His heart and desire are focused on sharing the good news and hope found in Christ with others and doing the work he is called to do. His story and commitment are the spark that ignited the idea to create Promised Land Foundation.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Promised Land Foundation (US) seeks to raise funds to support the work of the recently established Promised Land Foundation (MW) in Malawi, and nearby Zambia (Family Legacy), and other notable charitable organizations as needs are presented and discerned by our Board.

Through Promised Land Foundation, our commitment is to steward the resources that we have been entrusted with to provide children and their families with education, food, shelter, clothing - seasoned with grace, and the full hope and the love of the Gospel. Our passion is to do much more than give “fish to eat for a day...” but rather to invest in them and their communities, so they have the means to rise above and escape poverty and the freedom to build lives of dignity and have purposeful meaningful hope.

It is noteworthy that we, as Americans in the United States of America, enjoy a level of prosperity foreign to most in the world, with statistically being in the 95% of the richest people in the world. Promised Land Foundation (US) will seek to share that prosperity here by partnering with Promised Land Foundation (MW), Family Legacy, and others, who know, love, and are part of the communities they live and serve. Our mission is to support their mission/s with financial resources they cannot raise alone in their countries due to the existing poverty within their lands.

“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

The initial goal is to provide “a future and a hope” for the orphaned children encountered (approximately 68 at last count) in the Dedza region of Malawi near the Mozambique border. I personally have visited these orphaned children twice to date, in March 2020 and in March 2022, and plan to return there in November of 2022. When I say these children have relatively nothing but the tattered clothes on their back, I present a truth and reality. Orphaned children, living with moms/ families from the local church who do their best to care for them. These children have very little means for food, clothing, and education. I recall, as is etched in my mind for a long time to come, “interviewing” a 17-year-old teenage girl there as she appeared depressed and withdrawn. She had a third-grade education to that point, and obviously an uncertain future and little hope. I eventually got a smile and hug from her, but I truly don’t blame her for being withdrawn and depressed. Their difficult situation/s truly breaks my heart as knowing I would be soon returning to the abundance of what we enjoy in the US. This initial target, and a large one, is to raise funds to formalize and establish this orphanage with proper education, food, clothing, and shelter – and blanketed with the everlasting hope found in the Gospel. We intend to name this “Tree of Life- Malawi” and begin to make a lasting difference in these children’s lives in 2023 and beyond.

We are building Promised Land Foundation (US) from the ground up with a strong Board of Directors and all the sound practices of successful non-profit charitable organizations. With a firm foundation in place, we know that God will use this Foundation to bless others throughout Malawi, Zambia, and other parts of Africa, and beyond. This is our long-term commitment, and we cannot wait to see what God has in store for the journey ahead. We sincerely hope you’ll be inspired to join us!

Blessings, Timothy A. & Heather L. Peloquin (founders)