

**AC Ministry Trip
Tentative Schedule May 12-21, 2024**

Sunday May 12: Arrive Lilongwe, Sunbird Capital Hotel. Free time.

Monday May 13: 9am — Departure to:

- Mennonite Brethren Malawi headquarters, meet MB leadership, demo garden, solar system, veggie cleaning station.
- Tour with and visit Chisomo's farm and 1 or 2 Chimwanza pail kit farmers.
- visit Malubvo demo garden

12:30 Lunch break.

- MB Malawi: Stop for Box Lunch brought from Hotel
- Drive through Dzaleka Refugee Camp with stop at school and point out churches as we go through the camp. Tour guided info by Ephraim or Shadreck would be good if we are in a bus; otherwise, a briefing later. Moses will introduce his friend and the team in Dzaleka working remotely for Microsoft from the camp.
- Visit Kakande demonstration garden and pail kit farmers.
- Travel back to Lilongwe.
- Supper at hotel.

Tuesday May 14: 9am — Departure to:

- Pentecostal Assemblies of Malawi headquarters, demo garden, office, visit school children and teacher(s).
- Go to Fruitful Mart for tour. Introduction to team and what they do. Education path etc., — Explain the business operations, who FM targets as customers, what types of expenses are taken from retail sales, down to the purchase price the farmer gets—including micro loans to farmers. Explain the cooperative system. Do farmers receive an ethical return? Explain. Tour participants will need to understand next steps for economic development in Malawi such as value added, domestic, and

export markets. Are there opportunities for employment in value added? Can AI assist in processing? Can western companies be integrated with investment for machinery, in exchange for value added products? i.e.: mango juice, peanuts (groundnuts), other confectionary product? If agronomist is available— quick interview for her path to what she does with FM and why.

- Introduction to Ufanuzi and what Moses' tech side does. How tech grads benefit from Ufanuzi's program. Also include the tech side of Facebook, blogs, marketing etc., and people that do that.
- Visit local market to buy souvenirs (30 min stop).
- Lunch at Urban Café outdoor seating restaurant where we went in Nov 2023.
- Visit university and meet the Dean and or professors re: Moses' education and accomplishments.
- Visit Kulemeka Botanical Garden if time permits.
- Return to hotel in late afternoon and have supper at hotel.

Wednesday, May 15: Check out of hotel with 9am departure to:

- Travel to Ntcheu.
- Lunch at demo garden: Box Lunch brought from Hotel.
- Interview Pastor Friday, tour of garden, expansion outside of demonstration garden by neighbours. See animal production. Visit 2 pail kit farmers (Friday could be one). Interview with Chief, if possible.
- Travel to Nkopola and check in at Sun N Sand.
- Supper at Sun N Sand (possible Malawian attendees present).
- Meet and greet Malawian conference attendees at Sun N Sand.
- 9pm: Dismissal.

Thursday, May 16: Conference at Sun N Sand: Andy's timetable— 9am proposed start.

- Possible pool time for all attendees 3pm...?
- Supper at Sun N Sand (possible Malawian attendees present).

- Dismissal (add time?)

Friday, May 17: **9am** departure to Pastor Peter's Pentecostal Church

- Introductions and Church service.
- Visit demonstration garden, see expansion to spring fed garden, egg incubator, visit 1 or 2 pail kit farmers. Include lakeside pail kit farmers.
- Stop at Art Store of pail kit farmer to buy paintings.
- Return to Sun N Sand.
- **12pm** lunch at Sun N Sand.
- **Optional:** 1pm departure to swim with the cyclists at Bird Island.
- Open afternoon: Pool and R and R, for those *not* going to Bird Island.
- **5:45pm**— Departure to Sunbird Nkopola for supper.
- **8pm** —Return to Sun N Sand

Saturday, May 18: **9am:** Check out Sun N Sand. Depart for Liwonde National Park.

- Arrive Kutchire Lodge and check in.
- Split group into 2 groups: Group A for land safari; Group B for river safari.
- Lunch at Lodge
- Switch group activities: Group A now on river safari and Group B on land safari.

Sunday, May 19: **8am:** Breakfast

- Check out— *right after breakfast.*
- **9am:** More safari time.
- Lunch at Lodge: **12pm.**
- **1pm:** Departure to Lilongwe.

- Check in at Sunbird Capital Hotel
- Supper at hotel.

Monday, May 20: **8am - 8:30am: Breakfast 9:30am: Departure.**

- Visit Bunda College of Agriculture, University of Malawi, Charity (agronomist) to provide tour info with Moses.
- More interviews and filming with anyone, anywhere within Lilongwe area that Andy wants to do. This would not necessarily involve the whole tour team.
- Tour group debrief late afternoon to spur discussion of future involvement on anything they saw as a fit for them personally.
- **7pm:** Dinner at Vincent's for tour team together with Fruitful Mart team.

Tuesday, May 21: **Hotel Check out 10am. Malawi trip completed.**

- Anyone going to the airport should expect to be ready to leave by **10:30am** with tour group vehicles.