



# Introducing Project Jumbo

## School Backpacks for Children in Malawi

Dear Parents,

**Our mission in Malawi operates a Christian day school quite similar to yours** -- its called the ABC Christian Academy, and has children enrolled from 28 countries. Our school has recently initiated a new outreach program to needy children in rural village schools called "**Project Jumbo**" -- [Jumbo means "Bag" in the local language Chichewa]. It is an exciting opportunity for the kids at our academy to help other children in Malawi, but we can't do it alone -- we also need help from kids here in the States.

**The children in villages not far from our mission often do not have the resources to purchase basic school supplies.** Students are often compelled to share pencils and bits of paper. Additionally, most children walk at least a mile or two to school -- many of them barefoot, because they cannot afford descent shoes that will hold up to their daily commute on foot.

**Project Jumbo is an exciting opportunity for your child to directly help someone their age in Africa.** We are asking you to encourage your child to participate by purchasing and filling a backpack with all the supplies a Malawian student would need to attend school -- including a new pair of shoes and socks.

**This will be a very unique and interactive experience:**

- 1) We want your child to be involved in picking out the supplies and loading the backpack.
- 2) We are providing a luggage tag for you to put your child's picture\* in so the student in Malawi can see who is helping them.
- 3) We would also like you to include an email address\* on the luggage tag so we can take a picture of the Malawian child with the new backpack and email the photo back to you.
- 4) The children at our ABC Christian Academy will be involved in distributing the backpacks in the villages.
- 5) We would also like to invite families from your school to visit Malawi this summer and assist our mission in distributing the backpacks in rural villages. I promise, it will be the most memorable trip your family will ever take. Please contact the Project Coordinator at [projectjumbo@yahoo.com](mailto:projectjumbo@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

[\*NOTE: Providing photo and email address is optional.]

**Project Cost:** The cost to ship and distribute each backpack is \$14.00, [please see enclosed envelope for instructions]. Should you feel compelled to make an additional donation to our mission in Malawi we would be very grateful. Your gift will be used to help needy students attend our day school [ABC Christian Academy], or one of the Christian universities we operate in Malawi, Uganda and Liberia.

**We are confident your child will enjoy helping a child from a very different background,** and the thrill of seeing a photo of a happy, smiling African student wearing the backpack and shoes that your child picked out will have a lasting impact on them. With your help we can make a difference.

Thank you & May God bless you,

Ashley Chinchon, Project Coordinator

*"For it is a much greater blessing to give than to receive." Acts 20:35*

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