

Malawi Project

As two of eight elementary education students travelling to the Kasungu region of Malawi, we carried out a research project as part of an Experiential Learning Program with Bishop's University. While living in a rural village, we connected with the local schools to create art both with and for the students. Our goal was to allow children to have the experience of enjoying **the gift of art** and to express themselves freely.

We began our project by creating 3 murals with the grade 5, 6 and 7 students at the local elementary school. This allowed them to express their creativity in a way they had never done before. We then worked with the elementary school staff to create educational resource murals to benefit the entire school community. We determined that a map of Africa, Malawi, and the solar system would allow students an opportunity to study and gain an understanding and insight of themselves in the world. With the help of colleagues and local high school students we were able to have these resources completed within a week. Finally, we turned to the children in our village to allow some of them to experience mural making and the impact it can have on the community as a whole.

Without the generous contribution from Painting a New World we would not have been able to bring the joy of creativity with us to Africa.

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African Mural



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Danielle and Maureen



Village Mural



Solar System Mural



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