

The Need

The Theology Faculty at Mzuni have requested assistance in obtaining theological titles. Nearly 1,000 titles are on the wish list at <http://bit.ly/BooksRequested>

434 books & academic journals	Requested by Mzuni faculty
350 books	Identified in <i>Textbooks for Theological Education in Africa</i> (2008)
150 books	More recently published books

This project aims to acquire and ship as many of these 1,000 titles as feasible. The cost to acquire these books is estimated at around \$15,000. Shipping costs are estimated at \$5,000.

Volunteers are needed to host donation sites, transport, and pack books. Sign up to volunteer here: <http://bit.ly/volunteerMalawi>

Our hope is to complete the book acquisition phase of this project by the end of 2017.



Note: As part of our commitment to prevent dependency and not do what the Mzuni Library and others in Malawi can do for themselves we will also work with local processes and vetted contacts when titles published in Africa can be acquired in Malawi or elsewhere in Africa.

Who is TEAM Malawi?

Since 2015 several partners from the Blacksburg, Virginia area including Virginia Tech, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church (the Malawi Partnership since 2004), and various others have partnered to form TEAM Malawi (Technology-Education-Advocacy-Medicine).

TEAM Malawi coordinates educational, service, and research partnerships with various institutions, communities and groups across Malawi.

The Mzuni Library Initiative is part of TEAM Malawi and is a collaborative effort to rebuild Mzuni's Library.

Website for Mzuni Library Initiative
<https://malawiedandchildwelfare.wordpress.com>

The Theology Book Drive is a project of the Mzuni Library Initiative. The Mzuni Library Initiative receives financial and in-kind assistance from various community, educational, and non-profit groups, including the Malawi Education and Children's Welfare Foundation, a 501(c)(3) which processes donations without a fee for this and other TEAM Malawi projects.

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Theology Book Drive



to benefit Muzuzu University, Malawi

Building a network of churches to support theology book collection for the Muzuzu University "Mzuni" Library in Malawi, Africa.

A collaborative, community-driven project coordinated via the Mzuni Library Initiative and TEAM Malawi

For project updates, visit our website <https://malawiedandchildwelfare.wordpress.com> or join our email list at <http://bit.ly/updates-mz>

The Library Fire

In December 2015, the library at Mzuzu University (also known as Mzuni) in northern Malawi Africa burned down as a result of an electrical fault.



Image credit: http://www.strath.ac.uk/media/14_7888645136473638155.jpg

While there was no loss of life, the building and the 45,000 books destroyed in this library are an enormous loss for the school's 3,000 students and faculty.

When compared to the U.S., educational books are very difficult for most individuals to obtain; **Students in this context rely almost exclusively on library copies, making the library's collection essential to education and research.**

Several shipments of donated have already been sent but theological books are urgently needed in order to support undergraduate and graduate theological programs at Mzuni.

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Books requested: <http://bit.ly/BooksRequested>
Collection policy: <http://bit.ly/collectionpolicy>

SIX WAYS TO PARTNER WITH US

- 1 Pray.** We would love your prayers for this partnership and project. We want this partnership, project, and these books to be a source of blessing, hope, and joy for all those involved and for generations of students and other readers. Please remember this partnership and project in your prayers. Sign up to receive updates here: <http://bit.ly/updates-mz>
- 2 Volunteer.** Volunteers are needed to host book donation sites. (Current book donation sites: <http://bit.ly/bookdrop-mz>) Volunteers are also needed to assess, receive, transport, inventory, and pack books. See volunteer opportunities <http://bit.ly/volunteerMalawi> or sign up for project updates <http://bit.ly/updates-mz>
- 3 Donate money.** All donations are 100% tax deductible. You will receive a receipt. Donations will be used for book acquisition and shipping. No part of your donation will be used to cover overhead expenses
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- 5 Donate books. Clean, like-new, or nearly new theological books relevant to Mzuni Library**
Check the wish list here <http://bit.ly/BooksRequested> to see if we are looking for your book. If so, drop off your book at any of the book donation site listed at: <http://bit.ly/bookdrop-mz>

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