

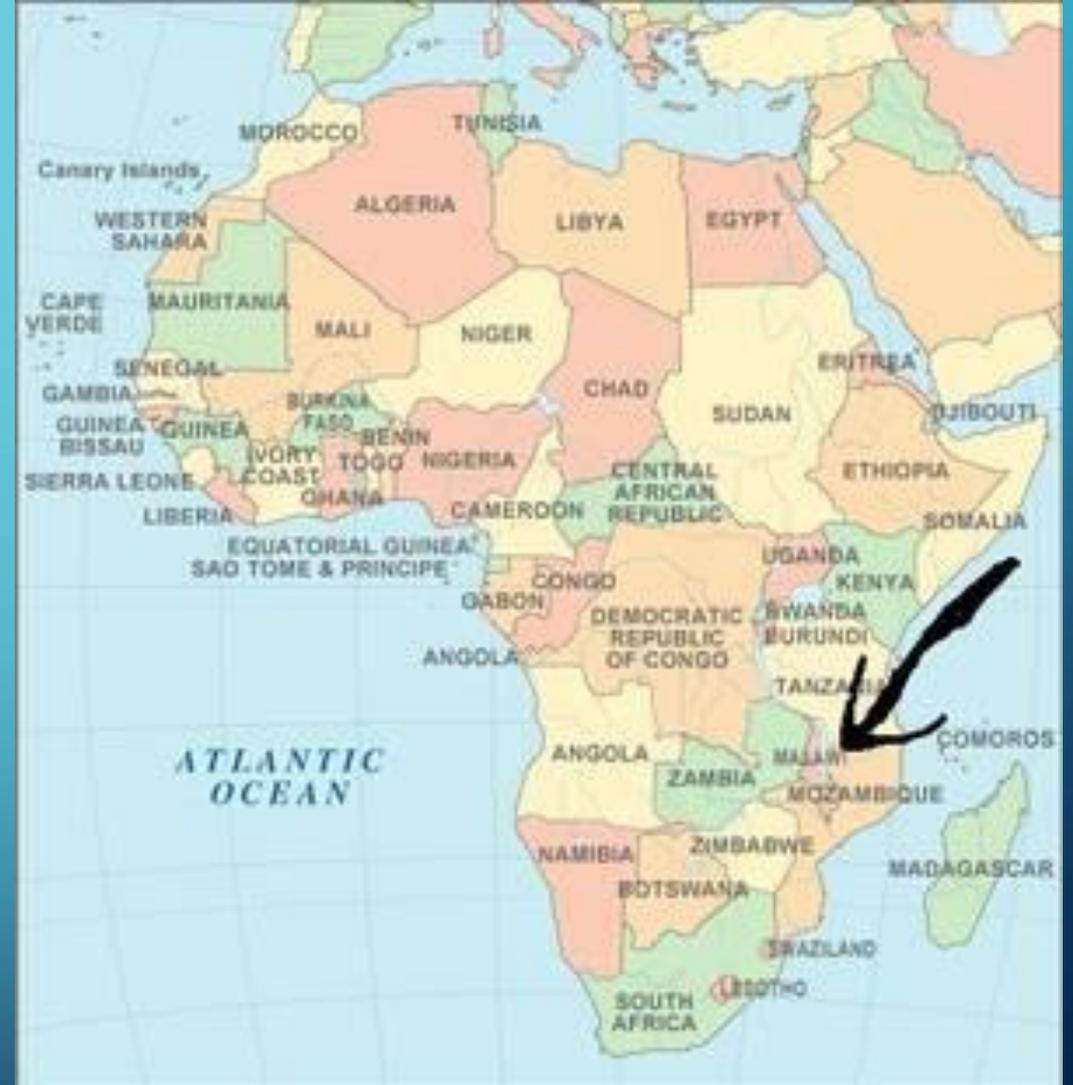


TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES IN MALAWI

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WHERE IS MALAWI?

- The Warm Heart of Africa
- Tropical Medicine Elective
- Queens Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi – OB/GYN
- 4th year medical student from MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine
- NOT Mali



OBJECTIVES

- Lack of technical advancements in dealing with medical care
- Patient resilience
- Searching for a connection amidst a different culture and language
- Meeting locals and making friends
- Take home message: Becoming a better physician



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY #1

- Fetal ultrasounds
- Lack of fetal monitoring
- Don't know when baby is in distress



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY #2

- Neonatal resuscitation
- Lack of proper oxygen
- Lack of intubation supplies
- Its all preventable!!



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY #3

- Cervical cancer
- Lack of proper female preventative health measures
- Low on blood donations
- 2 patient stories
- Finding that human connection



CONNECTING WITH OTHER LOCALS



LESSONS LEARNED

- Be grateful
 - Don't take anything for granted
 - Form connections with patients
 - Be confident
 - Rely on patient presentations
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