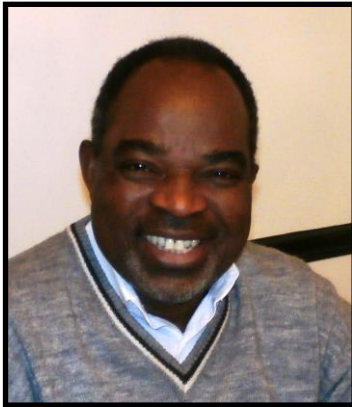


# Dr. Mike Mtika

Founder & Director of Field Operations



Dr. Mike Mtika is the Founder and Director of Field Operations for Pamoza International. Originally from Malawi, Dr. Mtika holds a BS in Agriculture (1978) from Bunda College in Malawi, an MS in Agricultural Extension and Rural Development (1980) from Reading in the United Kingdom, and a PhD in Sociology (1998) from Washington State University.

Mike worked as an Agricultural and Rural Development Officer for the Ministry of Agriculture in Malawi for eight years. He thereafter joined World Vision (Malawi) serving as Operations Director where he was responsible for overseeing all community development projects funded by World Vision in Malawi.

After completing his doctoral studies, Mike taught at the University of Alaska Anchorage for three years. In 2001, Mike joined the faculty of Eastern University where he teaches Sociology. Three years later, he took a group of Eastern University students to his home community in Zowe, Malawi. Three of those students were moved to action and decided to live in Malawi after graduation. Under Dr. Mtika's leadership, the students developed several projects in consultation and collaboration with community members. That was the beginning of Pamoza International, a non-profit Christian organization founded by Dr. Mtika to address the spiritual, physical, and economic needs of people in rural Malawi.

Dr. Mtika's scholarly expertise is in economic and political sociology, development in Africa, and community development. His research interests are in the political economy of AIDS and in how and why people help each other in making a difference in their lives. He believes in social change that drives people towards Shalom, the abundant life that God intends for his people.

Dr. Mtika currently resides in Pennsylvania, USA with his wife. He is a tenured professor at Eastern University.