

2018 [KENYA MISSION TRIP]

DATES: Saturday, June 23 – Thursday, July 5, 2018

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WHAT WILL WE DO: We will work with our partners, Jason and Lisa Hovingh, on a variety of projects. We will spend some time at the House of Hope Home in Naivasha, Kenya, building relationships with the children and the staff. We will also see some other ministries in the area. Each evening we will have a debriefing time and devotion together. We will spend two days on safari as well.

ACCOMODATIONS: While in Kenya, we will stay at the Heart of the Bride retreat center. This center is very comfortable and very secure. There is electricity, indoor plumbing and WIFI. We will stay at the very nice resort for our safari.

TRANSPORTATION: While in Kenya, the team is transported in personal vehicles of our partners, Jason and Lisa Hovingh, and someone they hire. They will pick us up from the airport and will be with us throughout most of our stay in Kenya. We will rent a driver and van for the safari.

MEALS: For breakfast, we will eat together at our lodging. Options are bagels, eggs, breads, meats, oatmeal and fruits. Lunch will often be at the House of Hope or at basecamp. Meals at HOHH typically include white rice, cooked beans and cooked greens. Our supper will be at the basecamp and will be more American in style. There is also coffee, tea (chai), filtered water and Coke products. Feel free to bring snacks. Please let Melissa know of special food needs or allergies when you register for the trip.

DRESS: For travel days, you can wear whatever is comfortable and modest. Capris, jeans, etc. When we are in Kenya at the House of Hope Home and in the communities, guys and girls are to wear pants or capris and shirts with sleeves. Pants should not be tight. No leggings. Wear layers. It can be very chilly at night and in the mornings (50s) and the daytime is in 70s on average.

PASSPORT: You will need a valid US Passport that does not expire within six months of our return date. Cost of Passport Book is currently \$135 (\$105 for 16 and younger). You may apply in person at the US Post Office on E. High Street. Go to <http://travel.state.gov> for details and information on obtaining a passport.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: There are specific medical and immunization recommendations for travel to Kenya. Tell your doctor you are traveling to western Kenya to Nairobi, Naivasha, and Masai Mara. The following are REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED for travel to the areas we are traveling to in Kenya. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/clinician/none/kenya>

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS: (See your primary care physician or community clinic. May be covered by insurance.)

- Hepatitis A vaccination (Two doses given at least 6 months apart for lasting protection.) You do not need to have the entire series completed before you leave but do start it.
- Typhoid vaccination (completed at least two weeks before departure)

ELECTIVE/OPTIONAL VACCINES: (Not always covered by insurance).

- Yellow Fever vaccination (completed at least two weeks before departure. Only administered in Jefferson City at JCMG and Mid-Missouri Medical Consultants)
- Anti-malaria medication. **Recommended forms:** Atovaquone-proguanil or doxycycline. **Not recommended forms:** Chloroquine and Mefloquine.

PAYING FOR THE TRIP

TRIP EXPENSES:

- Trip cost: \$3,300 (this includes all airfare, lodging and transportation, meals in country, visa entry fees for Kenya, tips, and game park fees). This does not include meals at airports, souvenirs, passport fees, or vaccination/immunization fees.
- The price is based on flight estimates. If flights are unusually high (or low!), we may need to adjust prices or plans and will discuss with those signed up to go before changes are made.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- **Deadline to register for the trip is February 1 with a deposit of \$825.** There are no refunds at any time due to charitable contribution laws. You will receive a charitable contribution letter from First Baptist Church for the total you paid minus the cost of the safari.
- March 1 - \$825 due
- May 1 - \$825 due
- June 1 - \$825 due

RAISING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR TRIP: There are several ways to raise support for your mission trip.

1. **SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!** If God is leading you to go on this mission trip, we encourage you to put as much sacrifice and sweat as possible into making it a reality. Save instead of spend. Request birthday and Christmas gifts be money toward your trip. Pick up a second job with everything going to this trip. Sell stuff. Hold a fundraising event like a garage sale or bake sale. Hire yourself out to friends, family and neighbors for work in exchange for trip payments.
2. **SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** You can write support letters to friends and family asking them to donate to your trip. They can make donations by writing checks to "First Baptist Church" and mailing them to us with a note that it is for your trip. They will receive tax credit for these donations. This also means that if they donate in your name and you don't end up going for any reason or you raise more support than you need, their money cannot be refunded. It is considered a donation to the church's mission and thus, cannot be refunded. Their donations will go to other trip participants or to the trip itself if you decide not to go or raise more than you need.
3. **MISSION TRIP SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST:** First Baptist Church has a scholarship fund for mission trips for FBC members. A form is included. Scholarships are awarded on case by case basis and can be for any amount up to 50% of the total trip expense.