2022 [KENYA MISSION TRIP]

LEADERSHIP AND PURPOSE //

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TRIP PURPOSE: Global mission experiences remove us from our comfort zones, allowing God to teach us new things, introduce us to new cultures, and to join God in God's great story of redemption and hope. We focus on building relationships with the kids and staff at the Well by serving alongside the Kenyan Oasis for Orphans (O4O) staff. Each trip focuses on aspects of the holistic orphan care approach, including educational, physical, spiritual, and social development. Final projects of the trip take into consideration the needs at the time at the Well and the gifts and passions of our trip participants.

You will also experience a brief to Maasai Mara (the Mara Game Reserve) in southern Kenya at the end of trip. The purpose of this portion of the trip is to appreciate the beauty of the land and animals of Kenya, to further our understanding of our role in caring for God's creation, and to further deepen our relationship as a team serving together.

2022 TRIP INFORMATION //

DATES: Saturday, June 18 – Thursday, June 29 *(**The trip will be within these dates, not this full time.** This allows us flexibility on either end when purchasing tickets to find the cheapest rates. The trip is usually 10-11 days total with travel days.)*

SCHEDULE: (if departing on Saturday, June 18 and returning on Wednesday, June 28)

- **Saturday – Sunday /** Travel Days. One US flight around two hours followed by two international flights about 8-9 hours each – one typically from US to London or Amsterdam, followed by a flight to Nairobi. We will arrive late at night and will stay at a hotel or house in Nairobi the first night. Monday – Friday / Days spent at *The Well*.
- **Saturday – Monday /** Masai Mara Game Park
- **Monday – Tuesday /** Nairobi
- **Tuesday – Wednesday /** Travel Days to the US

LOCATION: The Well Children's Home in Naivasha, Kenya (about 90 minutes NW from Nairobi) Population is a little less than 200,000. Near the large freshwater Lake Naivasha.

ACCOMODATIONS: While in Kenya, we will stay at guest houses secured by Oasis for Orphans in Naivasha or in nearby Kijabe. All bedding and towels are provided. These will be new to all of us.

TRANSPORTATION: Our partners will arrange transportation for us throughout the trip. They will pick us up from the airport and will be with us throughout our time in Kenya and our return to the airport.

MEALS: For breakfast, we will eat together at our lodging. Options often include bagels, eggs, breads, meats, oatmeal, and fruits. Lunch will usually be at the Well. Meals at the Well typically include white rice, cooked beans, and cooked greens. Our suppers will be at the basecamp or out and will be more American in style. There is also coffee, tea (chai), filtered water and Coke products. We encourage you to bring snacks to have available in your bag. There is a local grocery store that also has many good options if you need snacks while there. Please let Melissa know of special food needs or allergies when you register for the trip.

DRESS: For travel days and safari, you can wear whatever is comfortable and modest. Comfort and layers are ideal for travel. When at *the Well* and in the communities, guys wear pants/jeans and shirts/t-shirts with sleeves; ladies wear pants/jeans/capris/knee or longer skirts and shirts with sleeves or tanks with wide straps. Clothing should not be tight or immodest. No leggings. Wear layers. It can be chilly at night and in the mornings (40s/50s) and the daytime is in 70s on average.

PASSPORT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION //

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 $145 ($115 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. ***START TODAY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PASSPORT.** They are currently taking at least 16 weeks.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: There are specific medical and immunization recommendations for travel to Kenya. When you schedule your visit with your primary care physician about these immunizations, they will ask exactly where in Kenya you plan to be as that impacts what vaccinations they recommend. You will be traveling to western Kenya to towns of Nairobi, Naivasha, and Maasai Mara.

The following are REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED for travel to the areas we are traveling to in Kenya. Read more at https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/clinician/none/kenya.

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

- Tetanus

- Hepatitis A vaccination (The Hep A and B series is 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 prior to departure)
- COVID Vaccination (both shots completed at least two weeks prior to departure)

ELECTIVE/OPTIONAL VACCINES: (Recommended by CDC but not required by FBC or our partners. Not always covered by insurance).

- Yellow Fever
- Malaria (**Recommended forms:** Atovaquone-proguanil or doxycycline. **Not recommended forms:** Chloroquine and Mefloquine)
- Measles
- Rabies
- Meningitis

COVID:

Our partners and FBC JC will continually monitor the COVID situation in Kenya and at home to make decisions. Our partners in Kenya have implemented strict COVID protocols and have had very few cases throughout the pandemic. The following is based on current protocols related to COVID.

All participants are **required by federal law to wear masks over your mouth and nose** on any form of public transportation, including commercial flights and in the airports. We will follow the guidelines of the airlines we fly. Some required surgical masks rather than clothe masks. We'll know more when we purchase tickets.

At this time, we must present a negative COVID test no earlier than 24-hours from our departure from Nairobi. We will return to Nairobi a day ahead of our flights to secure tests for everyone. If someone receives a positive result, there are other test options in case we will pursue to make sure it isn't a false positive. If someone tests positive multiple times, one of the leaders will remain behind with the trip participant in Kenya until we get an all clear to travel. This could be several days depending on the airline's requirements and may be at additional cost of the travel participant if travel insurance does not cover this.

Trip Insurance covers:

COVID-19, SARS-Cov-2, and any mutation or variation of SARS-CoV-2

- **Illness Medical Expense**
- **Emergency Medical Evacuation**
- **Trip Delay (due to sickness/testing positive)**

        - *Trip Delay coverage is a benefit designed to cover hotel nights, meals, and local transportation associated with unforeseen delays, including quarantine due to sickness. Our Premium Plan coverage limits meet the minimum entry requirements of countries such as Costa Rica.*
    - **Repatriation of Remains**

Trip Cancellation/Interruption – Optional Upgrade

COVID-19, SARS-Cov-2, and any mutation or variation of SARS-CoV-2

Covered:

- Canceling before departure or returning home midtrip due to an unforeseen illness resulting in travel restrictions as certified by a physician
- The charge for a single supplement if your traveling companion's trip is canceled, but yours is not*(i.e., your traveling companion's portion of a hotel room)*

What is NOT covered:

- Canceling a trip or returning home early due to a required pre-entry country quarantine is considered a pre-existing condition.

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TRIP EXPENSES:

- Trip cost is estimated at $3,000. 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 acquisition, or vaccination/immunization fees.
- The cost is based on flight estimates and $3,000 is projected the highest total cost for your trip. If we secure flights at a cheaper rate, you may owe less than $3,000. Flights are purchased in April, so any changes would be reflected in your final trip payments.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- **Deadline to register for the trip is February 1 with a deposit of $750**.
- March 1 - $750 due
- April 1 - $750 due
- June 1 - $750 due
- You may make payments online at www.fbcjc.org/kenya or by mailing a check payable to "First Baptist Church" to First Baptist Church, 301 E. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Please include a note with "Kenya – Trip Participant's name" with your check.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:

- There are no refunds once payments have been made **UNLESS** FBC JC or Oasis 4 Orphans cancels the trip. In the event of a trip cancellation, a full refund will be issued with an exception being for flights depending on the airlines return policies that provide either a refund or vouchers for future flights. We're still investigating this with our partners and insurance carriers.
- If our partners do not offer trip cancellation, we plan to make trip cancellation insurance available to participants at an additional cost. This will be optional. We are still investigating insurance options if someone is to get sick or have a death in the immediate family in the days prior to our trip. A COVID vaccination is required by many travel insurance companies for medical coverage to be granted. We will keep you informed ASAP.
- You will receive a charitable contribution letter from First Baptist Church for the total you paid minus the cost of the safari.

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 spending. Request birthday and Christmas gifts be money toward your trip. Pick up a side 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 UNLESS FBC or Oasis for Orphans cancels the trip. 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. If you do this, make sure to plan on writing a letter when you return to share about your trip and thank them for their support and involvement!

3. **MISSION TRIP SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST:** First Baptist Church has a scholarship fund for mission trips for FBC members. A form is available online. Scholarships are awarded on case-by-case basis by the Missions Leadership Team and can be for any amount up to 50% of the total trip expense.