



# KENYA 2023

## MISSION EXPERIENCE

*First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, MO*



## THE 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 Mara West (the Mara Game Reserve) in southern Kenya. 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.

### TRIP LEADERS /

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# THE WELL

- Established in 2018. The home was previously known as House of Hope. FBC JC has partnered with this home through various partners since 2019.
- As of summer 2022, 29 kids living on site and 39 kids in Guardian Care.
- There are two major dorms - one for girls, one for boys with house parents.
- Classrooms for primary through 8th grade are on site as well.



- Library
- Indoor bathrooms on site
- Kitchen where meals are prepared by Oasis staff.
- Soccer field, basketball court, playground, volleyball net, bleachers

## ITINERARY

Fri, June 23	Depart US
Sat, June 24	Arrive in Nairobi and stay the night
Sun, June 25	Travel to Mara West
Mon, June 26	Safari
Tues, June 27	Travel to Naivasha
Wed - Saturday	Time at The Well
Sun, July 2	Travel to Nairobi. Depart that night.
Mon, July 3	Arrive in JCMO evening



# PASSPORT

A valid US Passport is required. If you have a passport, please check the expiration date and verify that it does not expire before December 1, 2023. If it does, you need to apply for a passport renewal at <https://travel.state.gov>.

If you do not have a passport, please **begin the process immediately** by visiting <https://travel.state.gov> for instructions. The cost for a Passport Book is \$135. This is not included in the trip cost. It takes between 8 and 14 weeks to receive your passport. Once you receive, please look it over carefully for any errors. The USPS office downtown can also assist you.

# HEALTH

## REQUIRED VACCINATIONS:

- Covid vaccine (At this time, boosters are not required but that may change. Proof of COVID vaccination is required to enter the country.)
- Hepatitis A
- Tetanus
- Typhoid

## RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS: (Recommended by CDC but not required)

- Yellow Fever
- Measles
- Rabies
- Meningitis
- Malaria (Atovaquone or Doxycycline. Chloroquine and Mefloquine are NOT recommended.)

These vaccines and immunizations are paid for by trip participants. Insurance sometimes does not cover these immunizations. You may need to visit the MU Travel Clinic to acquire some of these. There is a \$75 fee for the appointment payable at the time of your visit. <https://www.muhealth.org/locations/travel-clinic>



# VISA

Around two-three weeks prior to our trip, you will need to apply for a Kenya Visa. We will walk you through this online application process. The cost of the Visa with fees is around \$52. This is the responsibility of the trip participant and will be paid online at the time of application.

# COSTS

## **TOTAL COST PER PARTICIPANT: \$3,500 (estimate\*)**

This includes EVERYTHING but meals in the airports, passport and visa acquisition fees, vaccination/immunization fees, and souvenirs. \*Final price determine a few months out when plane tickets and ground transportation has been secured.

## **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

- \$500 deposit due by December 31, 2022 to register for the trip
- \$1,000 due by February 1, 2023
- \$1,000 due by April 1, 2023
- \$1,000 (or final payment) due by June 1, 2023



You can make payments online via credit or debit card or you may pay by check payable to "FBC JC".

## **CANCELLATIONS and 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.
- Your trip cost includes trip insurance. This will cover medical emergencies and trip cancellation or extensions due to travel interruptions out of our control and medical situations as covered by the insurance plan. A COVID vaccination is required by many travel insurance companies for medical coverage to be granted.
- You will receive a charitable contribution letter from First Baptist Church for the total you paid minus the cost of the safari.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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. Their donation 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.

# NEXT STEPS

1. **PRAY.** Pray for God to give you a sense of guidance if this trip and this year is right for you. Pray about the finances and work required.
2. **APPLY.** If you are a first-time participant in a FBC Mission Trip, you are required to complete a Mission Trip Application before you can register for the trip. Please **do not make a payment** until you've applied and received word on your application.
3. **PAY THE DEPOSIT.** Go online at [fbcjc.org/mission-trips](http://fbcjc.org/mission-trips) to pay your \$500 deposit or bring a check by the FBC Office (M-Th, 8am-5 pm)
4. **APPLY FOR YOUR PASSPORT.** If you do not have one or if your passport expires before Dec 1, 2023, please begin this process immediately.
5. **TEAM MEETINGS.** Our Kenya Team meetings will begin in early 2023 to help us prepare as a team and walk you through all the preparations ahead of our trip. The Team Leaders will be in contact the first of the year to schedule this meetings once every 6 weeks or so.

