Zimbabwe Mission Trip Frequently Asked Questions

WHERE IS ZIMBABWE?

Zimbabwe is located in Southern Africa, just north of South Africa.

WHAT LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN?

There are 16 official languages, including English!

WHO CAN COME?

Anyone! However, a parent is typically requested to come with minors.

WHEN CAN I GO?

Anytime! Most enjoy traveling between May-August for the cooler weather and summer break flexibility.

WHAT WILL I DO?

Mission Work! This may look like anything from feeding kids, encouraging our team, or building a church building. It will vary based on your group and the time of your travel.

WHERE WILL I GO?

We are based in the second largest city, Bulawayo, and work primarily in the rural areas. Your trip will likely include a combination of city and rural activities revolving around our offices and the congregation we are working with.

HOW MUCH?

A fairly safe <u>estimate</u> is around \$4,000 plus personal cash for souvenirs, food, etc.

WHERE WILL I STAY?

Depending on the size of your group you will either stay with the Mpofus in their home or at a local lodge along with a Zimbabwe Missions team member.

WHERE DO I FLY TO?

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe via Johannesburg, South Africa. We often connect through Newark using United or through Atlanta using Delta, staying 1 overnight in Johannesburg along the way.

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WHAT ARE THE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS?

We have a 15 passenger van to transport you along with our team.

HOW LONG IS THE TRIP?

2 weeks is the recommendation, but it can vary to cater to your needs, particularly for longer lengths.

HOW LONG IS THE FLY TIME?

Total fly time is around 20 hours with the longest flight being approximately 16 hours.

WILL THERE BE ANY TOURIST ACTIVITIES

Yes! The trip involves a visit to Victoria Falls, one of the 7 Wonders of the Natural World, and a Safari when time permits!

IS IT SAFE?

You can visit www.travel.state.gov for up-to-date safety information from the U.S. Embassy in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe is typically considered "Level 2 - Exercise Increased Precaution." We have had no safety issues to date.

ARE THERE ANY HEALTH CONCERNS OR VACCINATIONS NEEDED?

There are no required vaccinations, though it is wise to review the latest COVID-19 requirements as a test may be required. Malaria is present in Zimbabwe. It is unlikely, but not impossible, that you might contract it. You can choose for yourself, along with your healthcare provider, whether or not you wish to take Malaria tablets.

DO I HAVE TO WEAR CERTAIN CLOTHING?

For men, business casual will do in most all circumstances. Depending on your specific trip, work clothes may also be needed. For women, modest dressing and long skirts.

WHAT ABOUT ELECTRONIC DEVICES? CAN I GET ONLINE?

Yes, Wi-Fi will be available at times. If need be, we can make emergency calls and messages from our office phone. The electricity is 220V, so bringing adapters/converters is advised. Converters are necessary for hairdryers.