



Glory Shiners Ministries

Short Term Missions Trip Application Packet

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"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor 4:5-6

WELCOME AND BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Welcome

We are glad you have an interest in serving on a mission trip to Kenya with Glory Shiners Ministries.

The Glory Shiners Ministries short-term mission team member needs to:

- 1) Maintain an active and obvious commitment to Jesus Christ;
- 2) Possess the ability and desire to share Christ with others.
- 3) Be actively involved in a Christian Community or Church.
- 4) Be at least 18 years of age
- 5) Be of an open heart and an open mind to minister in a third world atmosphere.
- 6) Be of good health.
- 7) Be of good legal standing and in possession of a valid passport.
- 8) Be willing to obtain financial and prayer support
- 9) Be willing to meet all application deadlines
- 10) Be willing to sign and agree with our Statement of Faith.

Date of Trip

(_____ - _____, 2016)

Cost of Trip

\$1,200 (+ airfare)

approximate total cost is \$3,200.00 depending on airfare.



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TEAM MEMBER PROFILE

NAME _____ DOB _____ GENDER _____

FULL NAME AS ON PASSPORT _____

PASSPORT NUMBER AND EXP DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH/MINISTRY AFFILIATION _____

OCCUPATION/VOCATION/SKILLS _____

1. PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (STATESIDE)

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

PHONE _____

2. PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (STATESIDE)

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

PHONE _____

HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TRIP? (WHEN/WHERE)

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KENYA WITH GLORY SHINERS MINISTRIES?

I am committed to serve God, the people of Kenya, and my mission team with love, patience and understanding. I will participate with an open heart and an open mind endeavoring to become a more faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



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MEDICAL INFORMATION

NAME _____ DOB _____

PERSONAL PHYSICIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

I HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE THAT WILL COVER ME OUTSIDE THE US? YES ___ NO ___

COMPANY _____ GROUP OR ID# _____

ALLERGIES _____

CURRENT MEDICATIONS _____

MEDICAL CONSENT: In the event that I become ill or sustain an injury while on an authorized trip with Glory Shiners Ministries, I, the undersigned, give permission to those in charge to take whatever steps necessary to administer First Aid or medical treatment.

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WITNESS _____ DATE _____



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PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT OF HEALTH

Dear Physician,

Your patient identified below plans to accompany a group visiting one or more communities in the East African country of Kenya for a period of at least two weeks.

Many of the communities visited are in rural areas and may include prisons and slums. The visit will include travel on domestic and international air carriers as well as land transportation. Routine communication with some of the communities visited are not possible and emergency communications are unreliable. Food borne illnesses are common in Kenya and water is not safe to drink. Medical services, particularly emergency services, consistent with North American standards are not available and the nearest hospital may be located several hours drive away.

Glory Shiners Ministries, a Georgia non-profit corporation that operates in Kenya and will host the group your patient will travel with, requires that each participant obtain the following statement from his/her physician.

Thank You,
Glory Shiners Ministries

Physician's Statement

To: Glory Shiners Ministries, Inc

Based on my examination and the medical history of _____ and the information set forth above, I am aware of no reason he / she should not travel to Kenya and participate in mission activities.

Limitation on Activities _____

Medications _____

Physician's Name _____

Physician's Signature _____ Date _____

Patient Name _____



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FINANCIAL UNDERSTANDING

Glory Shiners Ministries believes general financial support for your mission trip should be sought from friends, family members and sources that are Christian believers and that you have a close relationship with. A “sample” support letter to get you started on fundraising is included with this packet (see page 9).

We believe that as you trust in the Holy Spirit to guide and help you, you will be greatly encouraged. It is our prayer that in this process, you will see the faithfulness of God who provides for the work that He calls us to do.

Raising support is not about raising money; it’s about sharing a vision and it’s about giving others a chance to participate in God’s plan to reach the nations. The basic principle you need to understand is people are giving to the Lord (His work) and not to you personally. You need to have a sense of purpose when you ask—and there is no greater purpose than God’s will or His work.

Throughout Scripture we find that God expects His people to support those involved in full-time service. Raising support is a matter of obedience to God’s word and calling. If God calls you to go on this mission, then He will provide everything you need to fulfill your ministry.

1. I understand that I am responsible for raising 100% of the funds required for the trip.
2. Financial donations made to Glory Shiners Ministries accounts are not mine—they belong to God and have been given to Glory Shiners Ministries in order to accomplish the mission and work of the ministry.
3. If I do not raise enough money to pay for my trip, I may not be able to go. Any money raised will be applied to the current mission trip.
4. If I raise an amount of money that exceeds my needs, remaining money will be dispersed to other team members in need or used by Glory Shiners Ministries for other financial needs associated with the mission trip.
5. I understand that the monies donated to my trip cannot be refunded to me or to the donors due to the non-profit status of Glory Shiners Ministries.
6. In order to comply with the IRS, checks must be made payable to Glory Shiners Ministries. Donors should denote my name in the memo line of their check.

I have read the above Financial Understanding and agree to the above policies.

Signature _____ Date _____.



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LIABILITY RELEASE/ASSUMPTION OF RISK FORM

In consideration of the opportunity afforded me by Glory Shiners Ministries to visit Kenya and to engage in mission activities, and in recognition to the possible hazards to which I may voluntarily subject myself to in Kenya and in traveling outside the United States of America to visit a substantially less developed region of the world, I acknowledge that I assume all risks associated with travel and activities, and I hereby knowingly, freely and voluntarily waive any right, claim or cause of action, of any kind whatsoever, arising as a result of my visit to Kenya, including travel relating to the visit, from which any liability may or could accrue to Glory Shiners Ministries, its officers, directors or employees, and I hereby release Glory Shiners Ministries from any such claim or causes of action I may in the future have against any of them arising out of such activities, and I hereby covenant not to sue or otherwise assert claims of any kind against Glory Shiners Ministries arising out of such activities. This agreement shall be binding on me and my heirs, executors, legal representatives and assigns, and shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Georgia, and any litigation between me and Glory Shiners Ministries shall be brought and conducted solely in the Superior Court of Jackson County, Georgia.

I acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the nature, scope and demands of the trip, and that I have met all of the prerequisites required for participation in this trip.

Signed by team member on the date shown below in the presence of two witnesses:

Signature of Team Member _____ Date _____

Print Name of Team Member _____

1. Witness _____ Date _____

Print Witness Name _____

2. Witness _____ Date _____

Print Witness Name _____



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STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe The Holy Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative Word of God (*II Timothy 3:15, II Peter 1:21*).
2. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (*Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30*).
3. We believe in the deity of Christ (*John 10:33*); His virgin birth (*Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35*); His sinless life (*Hebrews 4:15, 7:26*); His miracles (*John 2:11*); His atoning death (*I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9*); His resurrection (*John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4*); His ascension to the right hand of the God the Father (*Mark 16:19*); His personal return in power and glory (*Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11*).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (*John 3:16-19, 5:24, Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5*).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (*John 5:28-29*).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (*Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28*).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (*Romans 8:13-14, I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18*).

We believe in the Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day, He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

STATEMENT OF MISSION PURPOSE

Glory Shiners Ministries exists to share the glory of God nationally and internationally with communities through prayer, discipleship, evangelizing, outreach and education in order to build personal relationships with Jesus Christ. Our vision is to build a "city of refuge" in Kenya, East Africa: a place of healing and restoration, a place of counseling and education, a place where families can be restored and men and women can find their true purpose--a relationship with Jesus Christ.

I have read the above STATEMENTS OF FAITH AND PURPOSE and am in agreement with both.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____



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CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will pray for the staff, directors, leaders and other team members associated with Glory Shiners Ministries. I will give them my undivided support.
2. I will not leave the team or the vicinity of our work at anytime.
3. I will not participate in activities or visit any establishment or place which may be seen by others as inconsistent with a Christian lifestyle.
4. I will not use profanity at any time.
5. I understand that I cannot smoke or consume tobacco products at any time.
6. I will not possess or consume alcoholic beverages or assist others in doing so.
7. I will not leave money or other charitable contributions to any of the Kenyan nationals without approval from Glory Shiners Ministries.
8. I will abide by any additional guidelines, which may be deemed necessary by the team leaders during the Mission Trip.

I have read and am in agreement with the Code of Conduct.

Signature _____ Date _____



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SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

It is natural to have some feelings of discomfort in asking others to help support you in going on a mission's trip. But, keep in mind that you are not asking money for yourself, but instead are giving them the opportunity to partner with you in fulfilling the Great Commission. This sample letter is meant as a guide to give you an idea of how to write your own support letter. Try not to copy it word for word but instead give your letter a personal touch. Consider adding graphics such as a picture of you, map of Kenya, etc.

Date

Dear (name),

This (spring/summer/fall/winter), I have the wonderful opportunity to participate in a short-term mission's trip with Glory Shiners Ministries (www.gloryshinersministries.org). God has put this trip on my heart and I desire to go and be used by Him for His glory and minister to the people in the prisons and slums of Nakuru, Kenya. The trip is scheduled for (dates of trip). Before we depart, we will be spending time in orientation and preparing for various ministry opportunities. Ministry opportunities being planned includes (list the specific opportunities being planned for your trip; prison discipleship, community outreach, preschool, etc.). Before this trip can take place, I need to trust God to provide a team of partners who will support me both in prayer as well as in finances. Some current prayer requests I have are: (list your specific prayer request)

Thank you for praying for me. If you would be willing to be a prayer partner, please let me know and I will send you more prayer requests prior to our departure. The cost of the trip is approximately (\$3,000.00), which includes my travel, lodging and food. I am expected to have one-half of the money by (give specific date in accordance with your trip) and the balance by (give date). If the Lord leads you to support me financially, please consider sending your gift by (the day before the date when half is due).

You can send your gift for me directly to Glory Shiners Ministries at the address below. Please make all checks payable to Glory Shiners Ministries and include my name in the memo. Glory Shiners Ministries is a 501(c)3 organization and you will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your gift.

Thank you so much for the time and consideration that you've given to my request.

Sincerely in Christ,
(Your Name)

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MORE INFO

Passport

To enter Kenya, a passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry, and with at least two blank pages, is required by all US nationals. If you do not have a passport, you must obtain one from the U.S. Dept of State at www.travel.state.gov. First time applicants must apply in person at a USDS Passport Acceptance Facility. (fee is \$135.00 and takes about 6-8 weeks to process)

Visa

A single entry visa for Kenya is \$50.00 and must be applied for online.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Go to www.evisa.go.ke and click on create eVisa account
2. Once Logged in, Select Department of Immigration services.
3. Select submit Application.
4. Select Kenyan Visa.
5. Select the type of Visa and **read the Instructions CAREFULLY..**
6. Complete the application form.
7. Pay by using Visa card, Mastercard and other debit cards.
8. Await approval via email, then download and print the eVisa from your eCitizen account.
9. Present your printed eVisa to the immigration officer at the port of entry.

NOTE: Visa processing fee is non-refundable. Incomplete applications will be rejected. The possession of an eVisa is not the final Authority to enter The Republic of Kenya. Engaging in any form of business or employment without a requisite permit or pass is an offence. A visa is required prior to entry into The Republic of Kenya. The e-Visa printout must be presented at the port of entry.

International Health insurance

If your health insurance plan does not cover you outside the United States you must purchase International Health Insurance. Glory Shiners Ministries recommends International Health Insurance from Talent Trust Consultants Outreach Program (www.talent-trust.com). The Outreach Program provides worldwide medical coverage, travel insurance and emergency evacuation for missionaries who are going on short-term mission trips. (As of March 2016, the cost for 2 weeks coverage is \$48.00 and group discounts are available).

Vaccinations

Currently there are no vaccinations required for entering Kenya from the US. However, the CDC recommends that you stay up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your annual flu shot. Most travelers to Kenya receive vaccinations for Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, and Malaria. These vaccinations are recommended but not required. More information can be found at www.cdc.gov.

Recommended Reading

African Friends and Money Matters by David Maranz

Toxic Charity by Robert D. Lupton

When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert



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