



SAWUBONA! Sojourn to South Africa



Our Mission Team is returning in June 2025 to serve and to study

This trip to South Africa is special

- You will meet and make new friends
- You will work on community projects with your new friends
- You will worship South African style
- You will eat different cuisine
- You will have fun in the bustling cities of Johannesburg & Cape Town
- You will spend time in Soweto surrounded by Black South Africans and the history of the South Africans' struggle for freedom and equality
- You will experience Ubuntu-African spirit!

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For many years, Global Ministries has journeyed to South Africa, engaging in mission/cultural exchange in Johannesburg, Soweto, Kliptown, Cape Town, and Durban. We stress “cultural exchange” because Global Ministries takes a bilateral approach to transatlantic mission. This approach to mission is not traditional. Out of a church that for decades has embraced liberation theology and Africentrism, we have created a ministry that encourages symbiotic relationships between the missionaries from the United States and our hosts on the African Continent. We have not kept alive missionary superiority

where missionaries go to the African Continent to uplift and convert the Africans. Instead, we have gone seeking. The result has been mutual transformation and/or spiritual growth. Our youth and adult participants work together side by side with local South African youth, engaging in a variety of educational and charitable activities that not only provide opportunities for didactic and service learning, but that also provide opportunities for meaningful religious and cultural exchange and for forging close friendships that last beyond the time frame of the trips.

Our young people have been greatly blessed by their visits to South Africa and their interaction with young South Africans. They have seen a glimpse of their past. The young South Africans are also deeply touched and encouraged; they see hope for the future. Both groups realize they have a lot in common and that they can learn from each other in finding solutions to their common challenges. Following Jesus into the world can take us to places of heartbreak and hope. Consider joining us on our next sojourn and experiencing Ubuntu. Join us as we follow Jesus.

Cultural Exchange: Our members will be welcomed by the W.W. Brown Memorial Baptist Church and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, both located in Soweto. Cross Roads Baptist Church members will welcome us to Cape Town. They will host us during our visit.



Requirements: Youth potential missionaries must complete and submit an application to join the Mission Team for this sojourn to South Africa. The application, which is fillable, is available [here](#). Youth must also draft and submit a 1000-word essay on why they want to join the Mission Team. Youth should also summarize their participation in church ministries during the last year in the essay. Youth must also provide two reference letters attesting to their readiness for participation in Mission work. Application packets are due by August 1, 2024. Applicants can submit application packets by email to Rev. Theophous Reagans at theophous@gmail.com and Sister Connie Grier at congrier27@gmail.com. An independent committee will review the applications, essays, reference letters. That committee will score the applications and submit the results to the Global Ministries Mission Leadership Team (Leadership Team). The Leadership Team will interview the youth applicants and their parents, and select three or four participants to go with the Youth Mission Team. The Leadership Team will take into consideration the need for gender parity and group diversity in making selections. Potential missionaries must demonstrate their readiness to work with others in a team effort and to follow direction from leadership.

The Mission Team will have three MANDATORY meetings/classes February, March, and April 2025 9:00 am to 11:00 am

During these meetings, we will discuss important information, including all aspects of

participants' preparation for travel to Africa. This information will include safety precautions, cultural sensitivity, planned cultural activities, community service activities, and passport requirements. There will be at least one final preparation meeting during the month of June. All participants are expected to attend these meetings. Global Ministries sponsors events to raise funds for our mission efforts. Missioners should also support these events. The Team Leaders will provide missioners with a schedule of events at the first meeting.

- **Passport:** All travelers will need a valid U.S. passport that is valid for at least six months after the date of the trip. Your passport will need at least two blank pages. If you do not have a passport or yours expires before January 2025, and you plan to go on the next trip, please start the passport process as soon as possible. Each traveler will need to provide a copy of their passport at the required planning meeting.
- **Immunizations:** According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, all travelers will need to be current on: Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR); Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (DPT) Polio; Hepatitis A & B; and Typhoid. These immunizations may change depending on the trip itinerary and other factors. Team Leaders will advise of any changes prior to the last official required planning meeting.
- **Malaria:** All travelers will also need to take antimalarial drugs such as Mefloquine. It is essential that participants take these prior to the trip and for several weeks after the trip as prescribed by a doctor. Insect repellent is also essential. You should also have your doctor prescribe an antibiotic as a prophylactic.

Cost: The trip expenses are estimated at \$4,000. Missioners will be required to make monthly installment payments to a designated Ministry representative who will deposit the payments into the South Africa Mission Fund Account.

Payments will be due every month starting October 2024. Global Ministries will make all airplane and hotel reservations

**REFUNDS CANNOT BE ISSUED
ONCE THE TICKETS ARE PURCHASED.**

Everyone participating in the Mission Trip will be required to review, complete, and sign the following documents:

1. Covenant of Conduct
2. Release of Liability, Insurance/Medical Information, and Parent Authorization Form

Everyone participating in the Mission Trip must provide a copy of a valid passport.

Questions: We realize that some questions will emerge. Feel free to contact Rev. Theophous Reagans at theophous@gmail.com, Rene Mastin at renemast@pacbell.net, or Dan Reagans at theylovedan@gmail.com.

