

Samaria Mission

Outreach Missionary Orientation Manual



Mission Statement

Samaria Mission is a ministry of Christ Baptist Church, a faith mission, working from the platform of the local church with the task to be obedient to the Great Commission by effectively becoming involved in the process of church planting through evangelism, discipleship, church development and social upliftment.

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Background

In 1977, God focused the attention of Hennie and Rina Venter on full-time evangelism among the tribal population of South Africa. In 1985, God added a new dimension to His divine plan, namely, to start church planting in North-eastern South Africa. The Lord called them from Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." At the end of 2005, 84 churches had been built in South Africa, Botswana and Mozambique by Samaria Mission in partnership with our Baptist Association, short term mission teams and Pro Missions USA, now Global Ministries Foundation and MEEK (Missions Evangelism Education for the King).

Since 2006 our main focus has been that of Leadership Training, Discipleship and growing the local church, mainly in rural Mozambique along the Limpopo River. We travel into Mozambique every month to hold Leader Training – we focus on two main areas where the church leaders come together to study God's Word. It has taken 3 years to work through the chronological teaching of Creation to Christ – we make use of the "New Tribes" teaching material – "Building on Firm Foundations".

Serving as an Outreach Missionary with Samaria Mission

How can you make the most of your short-term stay in South Africa/Mozambique?

The three most important ingredients to your experience will be *preparation, prayer and perspective (attitude)*. You should *prepare* yourself spiritually, mentally and physically. Much time should be devoted to *prayer* before going. Your *attitude* should be one of service, flexibility and commitment. Your mission is to serve not only the people and the church in Southern Africa, but also the Samaria Mission missionaries and also the short-term outreach teams. Be willing to "roll with the punches" and be completely flexible. Be ready to pray for the Lord to open closed doors. Your time serving with Samaria Mission will include practical activities and ministry opportunities.

What does Samaria Mission expect from you?

- Fervent prayer – Remember that you are going to the front lines of a spiritual battle.
- Be Prepared Spiritually – In preparing, it would be good for you to read through the Gospels and Acts before coming. We would like to encourage you to prepare for Spiritual Warfare and Evangelism (it is important to know how to share your faith – the Evangecube is a great tool). The following books are a very helpful tool and will be an asset for you, as it will ensure that you are well prepared for the task ahead. "The Sovereignty of God in Evangelism" by JI Packer as well as "Lord is it warfare? Teach me to Stand" by Kay Arthur (a Precepts Ministry book.)
- Commitment and involvement – As the Lord has called you to participate in the Outreach Missionary program, you will be spending a lot of time and resources to make the trip and you will want to make every moment count, so that God gets the glory for all that happens during your time here.
- Feedback – We are always seeking to improve and we would appreciate feedback on your stay.
- Cooperation - Cheerful cooperation with those in authority, both with mission staff, outreach team members and other Outreach Missionaries.

What can you expect from Samaria Mission?

- We will provide you with mission outreach that will be a life changing experience.
- Samaria Mission staff will devote themselves to pray for you and mentor you during your stay.
- Samaria Mission staff will endeavour to make your stay as fulfilling as possible.

Practical Preparations For Your Trip (Once Approved)

Living Expenses while in South Africa/Mozambique

In Country Ground Cost for the Outreach Missionary Program (May – August): **\$2400**. This covers meals, lodging, transportation (once you arrive in Polokwane), Kruger Park entrance and exit and one night stay at an overnight Game Reserve.

Your In Country Ground Cost **DOES NOT** include your Mandatory Travel Insurance, Mozambique Visa **OR** your own airfare AND transportation from the airport in Johannesburg to Polokwane (as well as your return transport from Polokwane back to the airport in Joburg). More details on this will be communicated with you via email from our Samaria Mission Outreach Missionary Coordinators.

PLEASE NOTE: South Africa does not require you to apply for a Visa if you are here for 90 days or less. They will give you your South African Visa when you arrive at OR Tambo.

Your total In Country Ground Costs are due 1 month before arrival. You will want to have additional spending money to cover any personal expenses and also for snacks, etc. During your time with Samaria Mission you may get to spend time in Polokwane and then you might want to have some extra spending to be able to go out for meals or to the movies, etc.

Details for paying your in Country Ground Cost

USA

M.E.E.K. Inc.

2531 Smith Blvd.

San Angelo, Texas 76905

REFERENCE: YOUR NAME / OUTREACH MISSIONARY

SOUTH AFRICA

Samaria Mission, ABSA, 1210152845, Current Acc.

REFERENCE: YOUR NAME / OUTREACH MISSIONARY

**If you are coming at any other time than our outreach season your cost will be determined through communication with Samaria Mission staff.

****If you are a South African you will need to email Mark and Alicia Raley at smsshorttermers@gmail.com for your ground cost information.

Passports and Visas

URGENT News on Mozambique Visas !!!!

As you may have heard or even experienced, the requirements for acquiring a Mozambique Visa have changed. We are no longer able to get Visas at the border. This means that team members will have to APPLY for and PAY for their Mozambique Visas from the Mozambique Embassy in Washington DC. [Link to the Mozambique Embassy in Washington](#)

As an Outreach Missionary, you will need to have a 90 day, multiple entry Visa for Mozambique. In order to apply for this Visa each you will need to have a letter of invitation from Maputo Baptist Church. There is a process involved in getting this letter for you.

You will need to have a valid passport with a minimum of 3 blank pages by the time this finalized list is sent to Samaria Mission. (It will not work to have a “passport pending” status.) Our intention is to be able to get this invitation letter to you by the end of March. This will allow you time to send your passport and application to the Washington DC Embassy. Their website states there is a three week turnaround to get a Visa once applied for.

You will need to email us a copy of your passport information with the picture. Once we receive a copy of your passport we will write a letter to the pastor at Maputo Baptist Church. They will then write an invitation letter and send it back to Samaria Mission. Once we receive this invitation letter for you we will then forward it to you.

You will need to then mail your passport, Mozambique Visa application, 2 passport photos, \$180 (which will need to be sent as a money order) along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for them to be returned to you. **PLEASE NOTE:** you WILL need to confirm the requirements and price with the Mozambique Embassy as things do change.

Medical

Outreach Missionaries should have an up-to-date tetanus vaccination prior to coming to South Africa and should consult with his or her personal physician about any other vaccinations needed for the ministry area. Each Outreach Missionary must take prescribed medication for malaria. This is not an option for those going into Mozambique. Contact your local physician regarding medication for chloroquine-resistant mosquitoes. We recommend Larium (Mefloquine), but your physician is the one best qualified to instruct you as far as dosage and contra-indications with other medicines or medical conditions that you may have. **Each Outreach Missionary is also required to purchase Travel Insurance.** If you stay longer than 90 days you will need medical coverage (this is required when applying for a South African Visa).

PLEASE NOTE: South Africa AND Mozambique ARE NOT Yellow Fever areas!

Luggage

A number of Airlines have changed their luggage allowances – please check with the airline about their luggage allowances and restrictions. Always try to pack valuables into your carry-on, as well as a change of clothing in case your luggage is lost. We suggest that you mark your luggage clearly, i.e. use a bright ribbon or coloured tape. If you use “foot lockers” for your luggage there is a possibility that they will not come out on the conveyor belt, ask a baggage attendant where to find your luggage.

LOST LUGGAGE

If one or more pieces of luggage do not arrive, please inform the airport officials at the lost luggage counter immediately upon arrival (located in the baggage claim area) so that a forwarding address and other important information may be given to baggage officials. If you do not give the correct information you may only get your luggage when coming out of Mozambique after the outreach or not at all. Please print the following information and have it with you so that you can inform the baggage officials.

If you are going into Mozambique the day after you arrive MUST have your baggage forwarded as follows:

Pafuri Border Police, Kruger National Park. (NOT Pafuri Gate, Kruger National Park)
Telephone numbers - 013-735-8937/ 8934/ 8936 (Border Police)

015-296-9920 (Church office)
082 554 9248 (Gordon Hayes - Administrator)
072 056 7867 (Sharyn Vaughan – Mission Secretary)

BUT if you are staying in Polokwane for more than one day (before going on outreach into Mozambique) then you MUST have your baggage forwarded as follows:

Christ Baptist Church
375 Marshall, Flora Park
Polokwane, RSA 0699

015-296-9920 (Church office)
082 554 9248 (Gordon Hayes - Administrator)
082-970-0784 (William Vaughan – Mission Pastor)
072 056 7867 (Sharyn Vaughan – Mission Secretary)

The additional phone numbers must also be given to help keep track of the baggage.

Accommodation

You will be hosted by one of our missionary families during your stay in Polokwane. In Mozambique you may need to share a tent with another Outreach Missionary or someone from one of the teams. We will provide you with bedding (sleeping bag, cot or air mattress, blanket and pillow).

Border Crossing: Mozambique

Team members must listen to the instruction of the Samaria Mission team leader when crossing through the international border post. Directions will be given as to whether photographs or any other activities may or may not occur. Import duties are charged on items not deemed as personal luggage.

Ministry Opportunities

As an Outreach Missionary, it is very important to understand that your role will be different than that of an Outreach Team Member. You will be here to assist the Samaria Mission staff as we provide a comfortable camp life and opportunities in the local village for the team to serve alongside the local churches we will be working with.

Part of your responsibilities will be:

- moving camp between teams (set up and breakdown)
- collecting water for camp
- maintaining showers/toilets
- helping the “kitchen momma” with various kitchen duties
- assisting with any practical projects the team will be involved in
- attend the morning devotions with the teams as well as the evening services
- share your testimony during the evening services
- participation in at least one hut to hut visitation per team (You DO NOT want to miss out on this opportunity)
- you will also be encouraged to attend one or more of the teaching sessions. The teams will be prepared to teach but it is a great to assist the teams and experience some of the teaching.
- it is important to come with a willingness to serve and be flexible!

In order to maintain unity in preaching and teaching that will be delivered by the teams, it is required that each person will read the enclosed Statement Of Faith and sign the Doctrinal Agreement Form (see attached Important Document section) **and** agree not to teach any doctrine that would be contrary. This doctrinal “Statement of Faith” is also found on our website: samariamission.co.za

Please note that Samaria Mission does not allow a woman to preach during the evening services, women will be allowed to teach either the women or children during ministry time.

Evening services are a very important part of the church planting process. Outreach Missionaries **MUST** attend the services and be ready to share a brief testimony of salvation and what the Lord is doing in your life (my life before Christ, my experience of meeting Christ, my life now – how Christ has changed me). You will be given the opportunity to go on hut-to-hut visitation and to help with the various ministries that are taking place.

Armbands, bracelets and necklaces of any form will not be permitted due to the problem of witchdoctors also using them for their “patients”.

No Outreach Missionary may wear any form of bracelet except wristwatches. Certain necklace types, such as those made with rope/string, leather and beads, are also not acceptable.

Expectation from Outreach Teams

The following is for your information so that you are aware of what is expected from outreach teams (you can also find the Outreach Team Orientation Manual on our website)

Children's ministry is dependent on the local school schedule. An interpreter will work with team members at all times. Team members may be involved with singing, Bible stories, puppetry, clowning and any other ministry geared toward children of varying ages. The Samaria Mission team leader must approve handouts of any kind. Avoid pictures of city or suburban life, as it does not relate to their life in the village. "Bible times" pictures are good. Samaria Mission has the Chronological Teaching Pictures available for use – please ask for them. Action songs are very good. If the children do not study English in school, as in Mozambique, the songs will need to be extremely simple for them to learn, like “Alleluia, Praise Ye the Lord.” It would be most helpful to rather teach songs in Shangaan – this will mean that the team will need to learn them first to be able to teach the children. Bible verse memorization is also a good goal for your ministry time (ask the interpreter to teach them in Shangaan). Repeat verses and songs many times to help the children memorize them. The parents love to hear their children present some of their work during the evening services.

Children and youth materials – the following list is to assist you in knowing what materials to bring along for not only children's ministry but youth and women's ministry too; visuals, teaching aids, puppets, clown gear, pencil crayons, construction paper, pencil sharpener, balloons, bubbles, etc.

Medicine - We are not permitted to hold “Medical Clinics” in any village. We do, however, have a basic First Aid Kit in camp available for team members. Therefore, we can use certain medicines to keep our First Aid kits well stocked. If you feel that you would like to assist with some of these medicines then please see the list below.

Band-aids, bandages, Peroxide/disinfectant, tape, pain medicine, cough drops, lip balm, cough syrup, antibiotics such as Cipro, Augmentin or Amoxicillin. Also medication for children, i.e. in syrup form. It is not advisable to take anti-diarrheal medication while in the bush as you do not know what is causing the diarrhoea.

N.B: NO OUTDATED OR EXPIRED MEDICINE IS ALLOWED. WE WILL BE ARRESTED IF OUTDATED MEDICATION IS FOUND IN OUR POSSESSION.

Checklist for personal packing

Men

Travel clothes
 Travel shoes
 Tennis Shoes
 Work boots or work shoes
 Work clothes
 Flip-flops
 Socks
 Dress trousers and jeans
 Dress shirts / Golf shirts (if preaching)
 T-shirts & Shorts
 Swimwear
 Underwear
 Personal toiletries
 Sweatshirt and pants
 A warm Jacket for nights and mornings
 WARM sleepwear
 Towel

Women

Travel clothes
 Travel shoes
 Tennis shoes
 Work boots or work shoes
 Work clothes
 Flip-flops
 Socks
 Skirts or sarongs – **below the knee or longer**
 Blouses, T-shirts and Tank tops (No bra straps showing)
 Shorts **(knee length only)**
 Modest one-piece Swimwear & board shorts
 Underwear
 Personal toiletries
 Sweatshirt & pants (no jeggings, yoga pants/tights etc)
 A warm Jacket for nights and mornings
 WARM sleepwear
 Towel

Whatever else you can think of to make life a little comfortable for you during your stay

Other personal items:

Poncho or rain cover
 Flashlight and batteries
 Bible, Notebook and pen
 Sunglasses
 Mosquito repellent, Lip balm, lotion
 Extra pair of glasses or lens (if needed)
 Prescription medication (if needed)
 Cough syrup, cough drops, pain/fever tablets, Eye drops, Sinus/decongestion tablets
 Zip-lock bags
 Camera and/or video camera, Binoculars (for game viewing)
 Laundry bag
 Snacks from home

Conduct and Practical Information

1. No tobacco or alcohol is permitted at any time during the trip, during travel, ministry or recreational time.
2. Men are required to wear long pants during ministry. Men are not to take off their shirts while working or walking around. They may wear shorts when not involved in ministry and while in camp.
3. Ladies, third world modest dress is a must, not only due to the customs of the people in the area we are ministering to, but for the sake of your fellow teammates. Women are required to wear below the knee skirts during ministry, long pants or knee lengths shorts can be worn when in camp (a sarong can be worn over these long pants/shorts for ministry instead of a skirt). Shorts are not to be worn while involved with ministry activities. Ladies, please no blouses that show cleavage or bra straps. **No jeggings, OR Yoga pants/tights/leggings may be worn at any time, unless under your skirt/dress!!**
4. You need to be aware of your behaviour at all times, the local people like to watch what you are doing. We request that you do not show any public displays of affection (even if you are married).
5. The temperature in autumn and winter (May through September) is cold at night and in the morning. It can be warm or hot during the day. In the spring and summer (October through March) it is warm at night and warm to very hot during the day. In summer (December through February) it is very hot during the day and night.
6. Be careful not to take too many pictures while on hut-to-hut visitation as this can make you look more like a tourist than someone doing ministry. You may take as many pictures as you like during other ministry times.
7. The situation that the people live in will move you and you may want to give certain things away. Anything given away must be given through your Samaria Mission team leader. Do not promise to give anything away without speaking to the Samaria Mission team leader first! This includes gifts to be given to the interpreters! This is related to customs of the people and the fact that there may be hurt feelings of people left out.
8. Please do not make promises or suggestions of any kind to the people in the village (even if you don't think you have made a promise it can be construed that way – rather keep quiet and speak to the Samaria Mission team leader when you get back to camp). It is better to say “No” or “I Cannot”
9. Show the love of Jesus to the people. Some may think that you are proud, rich Americans stooping down to their level. This is not true and this barrier will be broken down by love and by you making a special effort to attend meetings, hut to hut visitation, etc.
10. Please respect the culture of the people and do not talk down to them like children. While on hut-to-hut visitation, speak clearly and unhurried so that the translator can understand you. With a translator you will actually need to speak a phrase and then pause to allow him to speak the translation.
11. Samaria Mission expects you to respect equipment and vehicles that you are working with. They are expensive to replace so please ensure that you handle everything with utmost care and respect.
12. Be very careful to maintain a very high moral standard in conduct and speech. When we are separated from the local church by a language barrier, the only lasting message that you leave may be your actions. The relationships among team members are especially important for this reason.
13. Avoid any political or religious arguments. Do not make any criticisms to anyone relating to the government and its laws and regulations.
14. Participation in morning group devotions is mandatory and is an important part of the overall outreach. Personal devotions should be a part of every day routine, even though your regular

routine will not be the same. You may have to make the extra effort to get up earlier, etc. for personal devotions.

15. Do not make personal arrangements for tourism, visiting or other local activity at the ministry site without permission from the mission staff leader.
16. If there is a person available to do laundry at the time, it will be done on the site. These ladies wash by hand and so we ask that you only have essentials laundered. Clothes should be initialled with permanent ink for easy identification.
17. Any major concerns should be discussed with your Samaria Mission team leader.
18. There is a set time to go to bed, have meals, etc. Be sensitive and respectful to other team members. Lights out is at 10:00 p.m. You will be responsible to help close camp at night. We also advise that you do not stay up late as your day starts very early and we do not want to have grumpy Outreach Missionaries in the morning. ☺
19. Outreach Missionaries should not leave camp without the knowledge or prior consent of the Samaria team leader and NEVER on their own. It is always advisable to go with an interpreter. A man and woman may not go off on their own – so don't ask!
20. Please report any sickness, injury, animal bite or insect bite, discoloration or abnormal swelling to the team leader. Do not delay in reporting an illness or injury as this could cause a greater problem. A basic first aid kit will be available on-site.
21. Sunday Morning Offerings – It is always a good thing to give an offering during the church service – ask your Samaria Mission team leader what is a good amount to give.
22. Gift Giving – jealousy is a huge problem in Africa. Over the years we have experienced how the joy of giving becomes a huge disappointment. We therefore, urge you to please refrain from giving gifts.
23. While living in South Africa at a missionary's house, you are expected to “become part of the family.” Please make every effort to help with daily chores (cooking, cleaning etc.) and this includes keeping your room clean!
24. If you persist in questionable conduct and refuse to co-operate with Samaria Mission leadership, then we reserve the right to send you home at your expense.

Contact Information

Emergency Contacts in South Africa

The following numbers can be used for those in the U.S. to send a message to you in case of emergency.

Postal Address:

Samaria Mission, PO Box 855, Fauna Park, 0787, Polokwane, South Africa

General Information

sshorttermers@gmail.com

Samaria Mission (015-296-9920)

Samaria.mission@christbaptist.co.za

Gordon Hayes 082-554-9248

hayesg@telkomsa.net

William Vaughan 082-970-0784

williamvaughan66@gmail.com

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sean@samariamission.co.za

Mark Raley 083-441-7767

ralefamily4@gmail.com

Darren Early 078-731-0665

Darren2u@yahoo.com

Brad Hixon 074-288-0035

bradleyhixon@gmail.com

USA Contact: MEEK Inc.; 2531 Smith Blvd.; San Angelo, Texas, 76905

Codi Craddock 325-655-755

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION/DEADLINES

Please make sure the following documentation is completed

1. Application (submitted online)
2. Reference forms (submitted online)

ONCE APPROVED THEN ...

3. Copy of Travel Insurance Certificate – (this must be emailed one month prior to arrival)

The following can be handed in when you arrive

4. Indemnity Form
5. Doctrinal Agreement and Code of Conduct Form
6. Code of Conduct Agreement Form
7. Prayer Commitment Form

Each Outreach Missionary should find 3-5 prayer partners at least 3 months before coming to serve as an Outreach Missionary. It is important to have people praying for you in both preparation and during the outreach time. Remember that you are going to the front lines of a spiritual battle.

It is also a good idea to have team members and their prayer partners keep a prayer journal to record what the Lord has laid on their heart to pray for them about and to see after the trip what was journaled on those particular days that someone was praying. It is always encouraging to see how The Lord impresses upon someone's heart to stand in the gap for you during a certain situation they are not even aware of.

This form must be left with the prayer partner and a copy of it can be kept by the team member.

8. Deadlines

If you are coming to serve as an Outreach Missionary during our outreach season from May – August, then you must send a **\$50 non-refundable deposit** to MEEK February 1st. Your remaining balance of **\$2350** is due one month before arrival.

Address to MEEK

M.E.E.K. Inc. 2531 Smith Blvd. San Angelo, Texas 76905

Contact: Codi Sutton

Codi@paulann.org

REFERENCE: YOUR NAME /Outreach Missionary

May God richly bless you as you prepare and may He use you for His glory during this mission outreach.

INDEMNITY FORM

SAMARIA MISSION
 PO Box 855
 Fauna Park
 Polokwane 0787

I, the undersigned

_____ (please print),
 do hereby acknowledge that SAMARIA MISSION has agreed to allow me to participate in the
 upcoming outreach to Mozambique or South Africa, subject to the following conditions:

1. I will obey the instructions of my team leader.
2. I am aware of all the risks involved in travelling by air, boat and road. I and my heirs, executors, administrators or questionnaires hereby indemnify and shall not hold responsible SAMARIA MISSION, and its workers, employees and director for any claim of any nature whatsoever and howsoever arriving, whether for injury to myself and my family or my assets, and irrevocably waive any claim arising out of the aforementioned.
3. This indemnity shall commence from the date of departure from Johannesburg, or any other point of departure within the borders of South Africa and or Mozambique, and shall hold until return to such return point, within the Republic of South Africa.

I understand and acknowledge that, as a participant, I will be exposed to the natural elements and camping in the said environment. I further acknowledge that there are risks in the foregoing. I hereby release SAMARIA MISSION from any and all liabilities and claims that may accrue to me or my estates, heirs or representatives, on account of participation in the program, and waive any such claims and liabilities forever.

 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

 PASSPORT NUMBER

 WITNESS DATE

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS CAREFULLY AND
SIGN THE DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God's Word the Bible:

We believe that the Bible, composed of 66 books, is the fully inspired Word of God, written by appointed men of God, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, without error in the original manuscripts, and is our final authority in all matters of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:20,21, Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32).

The Triune God:

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14). The Father's purpose in the universe is to bring glory to Himself (Revelation 4:11) through His creation, redemption, and daily provisions in Christ (Psalm 19:1; Ephesians 1:3-14; Philippians 4:19).

God the Father:

We believe in God the Father, an infinite personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers every prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; 1 Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; 1 Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6).

God the Son:

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God. He is fully God (John 1:1) and fully man (John 1:14). He pre-existed from eternity past as the Son of God (John 8:58). He created all things (Colossians 1:16). He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35), born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23), tempted in all things (Hebrews 4:15), and was completely sinless (1 John 3:5). He paid the penalty for the sins of the world on Calvary's cross (1 John 2:2). His sacrifice completely satisfied God's righteous requirement for sinners (2 Corinthians 5:21). He rose from the grave (Romans 1:4) and ascended to heaven (Acts 1:9). He is presently interceding for believers in heaven (Romans 8:34). He will one day, personally and visibly, return to earth to establish His kingdom and reign forever (Revelation 1:7, 20:4-6).

God the Holy Spirit:

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity (1 Corinthians 12:4-6); 1 Peter 1:2). He possesses and exercises the attributes of God (Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 40:13; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Psalm 139:7; 2 Peter 1:21). He convicts the world of sin (John 16:7-11). He regenerates believers (Titus 3:5), seals them (Ephesians 1:13,14), indwells them (1 Corinthians 3:16, fills them (Ephesians 5:18), empowers them (Acts 1:8), guides them (Romans 8:14), and teaches them (1 Corinthians 2:6-16). He grants individual believers spiritual gifts, which must be operated and controlled in an orderly and appropriate manner for the edification of the church (Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 12:7, 14:12,40; 1 Peter 4:10). Every believer is baptized with and receives the Holy Spirit at the moment of conversion (John 1:33; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 1 John 3:24).

Satan and his Angels:

We believe that Satan is a created being and a fallen angel (Ezekiel 28:13-15). He is chief of the demons; the enemy of God and of the believer (Matthew 4:1-11, 12:24; Ephesians 6:10-18). Satan was defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:15; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8).

Mankind:

We believe that God created man in His own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26,27). Adam was created in a state of unconfirmed holiness with the capacity to choose good or evil (Genesis 2:16,17). When Adam disobeyed God he became spiritually dead and all men sinned in him (Romans 5:12-21). Man is a sinner by nature (Psalm 51:5) and by personal acts of sin has incurred physical, spiritual and eternal death, which is separation from God. (1 John 1:10). Man's heart is deceitful and he is unable to please God of his own accord. Those who repent and forsake sin and trust Jesus as Saviour are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become new creatures that are delivered from condemnation and receive eternal life. (Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:11).

Redemption through Jesus Christ:

We believe that in eternity past God's mercy and grace prompted Him to send Jesus at the appointed time to redeem mankind (1 Timothy 2:6). We believe that redemption was made possible through Christ's death and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). Justification is accomplished by God's sovereign grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 3:14; 5:24; 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:9).

The Priesthood of the Believer:

We believe that each Christian is a priest (1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6) and a minister (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

The Eternality of Salvation:

We believe that all true believers in Christ will be kept secure in their salvation by the power of God (John 10:28; Romans 8:29,30; Philippians 1:6).

The Church:

We believe in the universal church which is the body of Christ, founded, formed, and directed by Christ its Head (Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18). The universal church consists is made up of local churches of all those who have been regenerated by God, baptised on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. (Titus 3:5). The local church is to fulfil the Great Commission through the power and presence of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Ordinances:

We believe that Christ gave the church two ordinances, baptism through immersion in water in the Name of the Triune God (Matthew 28:19) and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29). These are not required for salvation; they are necessary elements of an individual's obedience to God until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Autonomy of the Local Church:

We believe that each local church is autonomous; its beliefs and practices of faith being subject to no other authority than the Word of God (Mark 12:17; John 17:17-20). The state should not exert undue control over the church, or over its freedom to exercise its influence for biblical principles and ethics (Acts 5:29; Romans 13:1,2).

The Lordship of Jesus Christ:

We believe that each believer should pursue a lifestyle in submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ (Luke 6:46). This includes love for God and man (Matthew 22:34-40), and a holy life lived in obedience to the Word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; Colossians 3:16; 1 Peter 2:1,2).

Church Cooperation:

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district association, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. (Acts 15:36, 41; 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:1; Galatians 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4, 10:11.)

Last Things:

We believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ for His church and the resurrection of the righteous (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). At His second advent, Christ will return visibly and personally with His saints to judge the nations and to establish His kingdom upon the earth (Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:4-6). God will usher believers into a new heavenly kingdom and unbelievers into eternal punishment in hell (Revelation 20:10,15).

DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT

DOCTRINAL POSITION FORM FOR THOSE GOING ON A SHORT-TERM MISSION

We at Samaria Mission are very excited that you have decided to join us on one of our short-term mission endeavours. This opportunity to work with us in ministering to some of Africa's least reached people is one we take seriously. In order to assure that you are assisting Samaria Mission, we recognize that there is a great need to maintain a unity in the spiritual messages we deliver. While we recognize that it is perhaps true that no two Christians agree on everything, we also recognize that it is extremely important that there be no division in the doctrines taught in the villages.

It is for this reason that we expect you to print out and read a copy of the doctrinal statement of Samaria Mission and agree not to teach any doctrine that would be contrary. This doctrinal "statement of faith" can also be found on Samaria Mission's website. samariamission.co.zza

In signing this form, you are not saying that you agree with every statement contained therein but that you will not teach contrary to those statements. It shouldn't be difficult to imagine the confusion that will result if this policy is not followed. Please feel free to discuss with us any questions or concerns you have regarding this issue.

Signed _____ Date _____

CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read the Outreach Missionary Orientation Manual and will adhere to all behaviour guidelines. I will uphold the godly conduct set out in the Orientation Manual to the best of my ability and behave in a manner that will not damage my testimony or bring shame to the name of Jesus Christ while serving, sightseeing or travelling.

I agree that should I not conform to this code of conduct and not be willing to change certain behaviour then I accept that I will be sent home at my expense.

Signature: _____

PRAYER COMMITMENT FOR MISSION OUTREACH

I, _____ (prayer partner), hereby enter into a commitment along with, _____ (person serving as an Outreach Missionary) to faithfully pray for the Outreach Missionary for the duration of their service with Samaria Mission.

- Pray that the Lord will be glorified in all they do.
- That they will grow in their walk with the Lord.
- That they will have a servant heart.
- That they will be willing to learn.
- That the Lord will grant them stamina and strength to continue even when they are exhausted.
- Pray that the Outreach Missionary will be led by the Holy Spirit and accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that they will be sensitive to God's direction.

(Name)

(Date)