

SAMARIA MISSION

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.

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. We make use of the chronological teaching of Creation to Christ – using the "New Tribes" teaching material – "Building on Firm Foundations", we supplement this with additional teaching materials.

THE SHORT TERM MISSION OUTREACH

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. Pray for the country and people of Southern Africa, their missionaries, your team members and the work that you will be doing there. Your attitude should be one of **service, flexibility and commitment**. Your mission is to serve the people and the church in Southern Africa. Be willing to "roll with the punches" and be completely flexible. Be ready to pray for the Lord to open closed doors. Your time on outreach will include some physical activities that will include dealing with heat, going on fairly long walks during house-to-house visitation, etc.

What does Samaria Mission expect from you?

- Fervent prayer – Remember that you are going to the front lines of a spiritual battle.
- Commitment and involvement – As the Lord has called you to participate in this outreach, 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 on the outreach.
- Feedback – We are always seeking to improve and we would appreciate feedback on your stay.
- Cooperation - Cheerful cooperation with those in authority, both on your team and the mission staff.

What can you expect from Samaria Mission?

- We will provide you with a mission outreach that will be a life changing experience.
- Samaria Mission staff will devote themselves to pray for you and the outreach.
- Provide experienced and committed team leaders.
- Samaria Mission staff will endeavour to make your stay as comfortable and fulfilling as possible.

What will the spiritual impact be on the team member?

Here are testimonies of former team members:

"Missionary activity will broaden one's perspective on global Christianity, it will deepen the intellect and commitment ... dedication will be tested to their limits, the spiritual life will be enriched."

"The trip to Africa has given me a tremendous blessing in many ways. I was impressed by the eagerness of the people in the village to hear about Jesus and to come to church. I was made aware of how the fields are ripe and ready for harvest. I will never be the same..."

"The Africa mission trip really opened my eyes to the need of third world countries. Not only to the physical needs, but the spiritual needs of the people to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour."

What will your personal testimony be as a result of your mission experience?

Size and Composition of Teams

Team sizes range from between 10 and 24 with the ideal size being 14. The smaller the team is, the more difficult it is to cover the cost of an outreach. **Discuss your proposed team size with Samaria Mission** before going ahead with your preparations. It may be necessary to join your team up with another team to make up a full team if your numbers are too low. OR, it may be necessary for the small team to raise an additional amount to cover expenses.

Teams must have a "Team leader" who will divide the rest of the team up into various ministries, i.e. Men, Women and children. All team members will be involved in hut-to-hut visitation and will attend evening services.

IMPORTANT

If you have any children **18 years old or younger** on the team, there are specific documents that you need to file for their visa **and they will need to bring these documents with them when boarding the airplane and to be able to enter both South Africa and Mozambique.** It is of the utmost importance that you both send copies of these documents with the normal required documents when applying for their visa **AND** copies need to accompany them when traveling.

Listed below are the scenarios that could occur and the documents required for each scenario.

MINOR ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH BIOLOGICAL PARENTS

Along with their passport containing their Mozambique visa you will also need a copy of their UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

MINOR ACCOMPANIED BY ONE BIOLOGICAL PARENT

Along with their passport containing their Mozambique visa you will need a copy of their UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE as well as a signed AFIDAVIT from the other biological parent giving the other parent permission to enter South Africa and Mozambique. The affidavit will need to NOTARIZED by a notary.

NOTE: IF ONE OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS IS DECEASED YOU WILL NEED A COPY OF THEIR DEATH CERTIFICATE

MINOR ACCOMPANIED BY ANY OTHER ADULT

Along with their passport containing their Mozambique visa you will need a copy of their UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE as well as a signed AFIDAVIT from BOTH of their biological parents giving permission for the adult to enter South Africa and Mozambique with the child. BOTH Affidavits will need to be NOTARIZED by a notary.

NOTE: IF ONE OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS IS DECEASED YOU WILL NEED A COPY OF THEIR DEATH CERTIFICATE.

Link to the [Mozambique Embassy](#) in Washington

MINISTRY PREPARATION FOR YOUR TRIP

Various ministry opportunities are available for short-term teams. Each team must have a Team Leader who would be responsible for the leadership of the overall group. You may have those in your team that can take particular responsibility for different areas of ministry. Good preparation needs to be done before coming out on the outreach.

Samaria Mission determines what will be taught on outreaches and your Samaria Mission Team Leader will communicate this information with you. The reason for this is because we want to ensure that we keep current with what needs to be taught in each village, with regards to the spiritual growth of each village.

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 Documentation section) and agree not to teach any doctrine that would be contrary. This doctrinal "**statement of faith**" is also found on our website at www.samariamission.co.za. 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 each day during the outreach. Each team member must attend the services, be involved in hut-to-hut visitation and be ready to share a brief testimony of salvation and what the Lord is doing in his/her life (my life before Christ, my experience of meeting Christ, my life now – how Christ has changed me). You may want to plan to sing songs, act out a Biblical story, do a puppet play for the children, preach or do a multitude of things to help convey the message. You will find the African audience very receptive and appreciative of your efforts.

The Outreach team leader needs to ensure that his team is prepared for ministry assignments whether they be preaching, teaching, working with men, women or children prior to the team's arrival. Those who will be preaching during the evening services need to be competent to do so; the mission field is not the place to find out if you are capable of preaching or not. It is important that team members prepare well in advance for the ministries that they will be involved with.

Each team member should be trained in evangelism and presenting the Gospel and have a basic understanding of cross-cultural ministry; it is important to remember that the American lifestyle has little to no relevance to the people of Mozambique. You will find information on African Traditional Religions on our website, www.samariamission.co.za.

Part of your preparation needs to be focussed on being well prepared spiritually. In preparing, it would be good for each team member to read through the Gospels and Acts before coming on outreach. We would like to encourage you to prepare your team for Spiritual Warfare, Evangelism (everyone must know how to share their faith – the Evangecube is a great tool) and Teaching (your team needs to know how to teach a lesson and also be prepared on how to teach through an interpreter). The following books are a very helpful tool and will be an asset for your entire team, as it will ensure that they 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).

Children's ministry is dependent on the local school schedule. You need to be prepared for a large group of varied ages! 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 use of visual teaching aids is encouraged. Teams will need to bring their own visuals, materials and props. 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** but make sure you let your Samaria Team Leader know if you intend to use these so they can be brought on the outreach. 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.

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, pencil crayons and sharpeners, construction paper, balloons, bubbles, etc.

Team Support/Cooking - This ministry is probably the most important for the morale and well being of the group. The largest part of camp life is cooking for the entire team. Team members need to be prepared to assist with kitchen duty at all meals; this includes pre-meal prep, as well as clean up after meals. Team leaders may arrange the list prior to arrival or on arrival with the help of the "kitchen mama".

Pastoral Leadership Training - if you have been invited to be a part of teaching Pastors and Church leaders during the outreach the following information will apply to you. The goal of the training is to provide sound Biblical teaching that will assist the local Pastor and church leaders in guiding their congregation to full maturity in Christ. Some of the areas of teaching include: discipleship, leadership training, evangelism, prayer, doctrinal issues, children/youth ministry, or Sunday school.

Construction - if your team is going to be involved in construction then we will let you have a list of construction items that you will need to bring with you.

BIBLES

A great desire of Samaria Mission is to actively place God's word into the hands of believers in Mozambique. The power of God's word to bring salvation and sanctification to people is undeniable. We are asking that teams partner with us in supplying a case of Bibles to be used in your outreach village. A case contains 20 Bibles at a cost of \$200. Each case will have a combination of Tsonga, Portuguese and English Bibles that will be available for distribution through the local Pastor to those who need one.

You can use this request as a way to involve your church, Sunday school classes, and small groups. We are asking for one case per team, but if the Lord provides for more cases what is not used during your outreach will be used during the year as we travel monthly into Mozambique to train Pastors. Please send the Bible donations to MEEK, INC with a note with your church name/outreach Bibles. Thank you for helping Samaria Mission bring God's word to Mozambique.

Audio Bibles - The Proclaimers through "Faith Comes By Hearing" are no longer available in Tsonga so we are asking that each team consider donating funds for 2 Mega Voice Audio Bibles available in South Africa. The Mega Voice unit utilizes a solar panel for charging, and has the ability to add sermons, teachings, etc. The cost of each unit is \$75.00. Samaria Mission is currently developing a ministry to have some of our Shangaan Pastors record sermons and teachings for us to add to the units. Our goal is to make these available to the Pastors and church leaders in Mozambique to enhance their Bible knowledge and for them to utilize the units in teaching their village the scriptures. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this vital ministry that will help spread God's word in Mozambique. You can send your Mega Voice designated donation through MEEK with your team's ground costs.

PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR YOUR TRIP

Ground Cost

The current Ground Costs is \$1250 per person, team size of 13 members or more, **excluding** airfares and visas. Team size of 12 and under will have a ground cost of \$1300 per person. These costs will cover all your living expenses from arrival in South Africa until your return to the Airport for your departure.

Please note: The ground costs do not cover your personal spending money.

Passports and Visas

The Mozambique Government requires you to have a visa. All team members will have to obtain the visa BEFORE leaving the USA. 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](#)

In order to apply for this Visa each team will need to have a letter of invitation from Maputo Baptist Church. There is a process involved in getting this letter for your team.

The team leader will need to send your finalised team list, including copies of all Passports, to Samaria Mission no later than 28 February. ALL team members must 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 the team leader by 1 April. The team leader will need to send the team's passports and applications together to the Washington DC Embassy, as soon as he receives the letter of invitation from Samaria Mission. The Mozambique Embassy's website states there is a minimum three week turnaround to get a Visa once applied for.

It is IMPORTANT for you to understand that once this list is sent to Samaria Mission team leaders WILL NOT be able to add anyone else to the team. People can drop but it will be impossible to get another invitation letter after we submit the information for the request.

Once we receive your team list then we will send this information 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 your team we will then forward it to your team leader.

Your team leader will need to collect each team member's passport, Mozambique Visa application, 2 passport photos, \$160 per person (which will need to be sent as a money order for the total amount along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for them to be returned to your team leader).

Arrival in South Africa

Upon arrival in South Africa the Short term Mission Team Information Forms need to be given to the Samaria Mission team leader. It is advisable that you have some spending money with you in order to purchase soft drinks, snacks, souvenirs during the trip.

There are foreign exchange banks available at the airport. It is however cheaper for you to draw cash from an ATM rather than exchanging money at the foreign exchange bank – **please ensure that you notify your bank that you will be using your bank card in South Africa, also you need to take care when drawing from an ATM, always be observant of people around you and do not allow strangers to assist you at the ATM.** There is no guarantee that there will be a facility for foreign exchange once you leave the Airport.

Accommodation

Your first night in South Africa, as well as you second last night, will be spent at Christ Seminary's accommodation on the Christ Baptist Church Campus. Water in Polokwane is safe to drink.

Samaria Mission will provide all meals while you are here. **You are responsible for purchasing any snacks as we travel.**

Accommodation in Mozambique will be tents, there will be two people per tent – only married couples will be allowed to share a tent, everyone else will be designated men and women.

Non-carbonated beverages and clean drinking water will be available, but team members may purchase soft drinks before entering Mozambique.

Bedding will also be provided for teams. Samaria Mission is always in need of good sleeping bags, air mattresses and towels. If you could bring some to leave behind it would be appreciated, as it will assist in maintaining good quality bedding and equipment for all teams.

Although we do have tents they do periodically need to be replaced due to wear-and-tear, if you would like to raise or donate \$700 for an additional tent/replacement tent that would be appreciated.

Transport & Travelling

Samaria Mission will provide transport from the airport to the venue of ministry and back to the airport. The roads from the airport in South Africa are in a good condition. The road into Mozambique is a rough dirt road.

Border Crossing

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.

Medical

Each team member 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 member 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 Lariam (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.

Please Note: South Africa and Mozambique are not Yellow Fever areas!

Any medical concerns such as allergies (especially food allergies), epilepsy, or any other physical concerns that may affect ministry in a remote village must be shared with your Samaria Mission team leader before your arrival! Upon arrival to South Africa the Team Leader must hand in the Information Forms to the Samaria Mission team leader.

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 typically 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.

When going into Mozambique you 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)

When staying in South Africa you MUST have your baggage forwarded as follows:

Christ Baptist Church
375 Marshall Street
Florapark
Polokwane
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.

CONDUCT AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. **No tobacco or alcohol is permitted** at any time during the trip, during travel, ministry or recreational time.
2. **Conduct** – team leaders need to be sure that they deal with team members conduct before they come on outreach. Special note and precaution needs to be made with regards to flirtatious behaviour. A naturally friendly, touchy person's behaviour can be construed as flirtatious. The outreach is not the place to pursue a romantic relationship.
3. 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.
4. 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 also for the sake of your fellow team mates.
Women are required to wear below-the-knee skirts during ministry, long pants or **knee length 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 ministering. Sweat suits may be used in the evenings at the campsite.
Ladies, please no blouses that show cleavage or bra-straps. **No skinny jeans OR yoga pants/tights/leggings may be worn at any time, unless under your skirt/dress!!**
5. 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 form of public displays of affection (even if you are married).
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 your interpreters!** This is related to customs of the people and the fact that there may be hurt feelings of people left out.
9. **At anytime while on outreach 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).**
10. 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.
11. 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.
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 as well as the evening services 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 or ministry arrangements for tourism, preaching, 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 Team Leader, who will then discuss the concern with the 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. We request that people (especially guys and girls) do not sit around the camp fire chatting long after lights out, as this can give the wrong impression to fellow team mates as well as the locals – remember they are always watching us.
19. Team members should not leave camp without the knowledge or prior consent of the 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. Armbands, bracelets and necklaces of any form for use as an evangelistic tool will not be permitted due to the problem of witchdoctors also using them for their "patients". **NO TEAM MEMBER 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.**
22. **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.
23. **Gift Giving** - jealousy is a huge problem in Africa. Over the years we have experienced how the joy of gift giving becomes a huge disappointment and a way of stealing the team's joy of giving. We therefore, urge you to please refrain from giving gifts. **Crafts** are always a huge blessing and excitement and both the children and women enjoy doing crafts. We do however, urge you to bring candy and there is no problem with you handing out candy at all the ministries. But be sure to do it in an orderly way.

As a team you may want to give your interpreters a small financial thank you gift, we do not have a problem with this, but we do ask that you discuss this with your Samaria Mission Team leader before doing this.

We do, however urge you to consider rather leaving a sustainable gift for the church in the form of money to purchase either chickens, goats or even a cow (this would be given to the church leader), or you could possibly donate money for a water well if the village does not have one – this is a sustainable gift that will benefit the church in the long term. Please discuss this with your Samaria Mission team leader before giving the gift.

See the following page for a packing checklist.

CHECKLIST FOR PERSONAL PACKING

Men

Travel clothes
 Travel shoes
 Tennis Shoes
 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
 Flip-flops
 Socks
 Skirts or sarongs – below the knee or longer
 Blouses or T-shirts or Tank tops (No bra straps showing)
 Shorts (Knee length)
 Modest one-piece Swimwear & board shorts
 Underwear
 Personal toiletries
 Sweatshirt and pants (no jeans, 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

For Building/construction teams

Work boots/ shoes and Work clothes

Work boots/ shoes and Work clothes

Other personal items

Poncho or rain cover
 Bible
 Sunscreen, lip balm, lotion
 Sunglasses
 Extra pair of glasses or lens (if needed)
 A laundry bag
 Video Camera (optional)
 Cough syrup, cough drops, pain/fever tablets, Eye drops, Allergy/Sinus/decongestion tablets

Flashlight and batteries
 Notebook and pen
 Cap or hat
 Mosquito repellent
 Prescription medication (if needed)
 Camera (and batteries if needed)
 Binoculars (optional - for game viewing)

Items to assist with ministry

None of the following items are essential, but they are a huge help in camp (and make the Mission staff smile)

"Ziploc" bags – various sizes
 Cable ties

Duct tape, Gorilla Tape and Gorilla Glue
 Work gloves

These items are what make the Mission Staff smile...

American or Mexican spices Flavoured coffee creamer Snack food and candy

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.

Basic First Aid Kit needs: Band-aids, bandages, Peroxide/disinfectant, tape, Pain medication - ibuprofen, sodium naproxen and Tylenol, laxatives, Hydro-cortisone cream, triple antibiotic ointment, chemical ice/heat, eye drops/eye wash/eye ointment, decongestant, allergy medication, 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.**

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

Street Address: 375 Marshall Street, Flora Park, Polokwane

Samaria Mission/Christ Baptist Church 011-27-15-296-9920

samaria.mission@christbaptist.co.za AND office@christbaptist.co.za

Gordon Hayes 082-554- 9248

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Brad Hixon 074-288-0035

bradleyhixon@gmail.com

William Vaughan 082-970-0784

williamvaughan66@gmail.com

Sean Mullin 082-325-2030

sean@samariamission.co.za

Mark Raley 083-441-7767

ralefamily4@gmail.com

USA Contact

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

Codi Craddock 325-655-7552

FAQ's

1. **Do I really need to read the entire Orientation manual or is it only for my team leader?**
All team members need to read the Orientation manual! It is vital to have an understanding of what to expect on outreach
2. **Age of team members?**
There is no age limit on team members, they do however, need to be able to physically handle the rigors of international travel as well as very rural basic camping.
3. **Can children come on outreach?**
Yes, but children under the age of 14 NEED to be accompanied by a parent. Children under the age of 18 NEED to be accompanied by a designated responsible adult.
Please note: There are travel limitations and specific requirements when travelling to South Africa with children under the age of 18!!! You will be required travel with specific paperwork.
See page 2 for specific details regarding correct paperwork.
4. **How much spending money should I bring along?**
We suggest a minimum of \$100, but it is a personal decision.
5. **What is the weather like?**
The best way to explain it is to say; "dress in layers". The mornings and evenings are cool to cold and the days are warm to hot.
Polokwane can be the same, but it is definitely cooler in Polokwane during the day and cold at night.
6. **Can we bring gifts?**
No! We want to focus on giving the Gospel and not stuff.
7. **Is the water safe to drink?**
Yes, tap water in Polokwane is safe to drink and we purify water in Mozambique.
8. **Do we need to bring our own bedding?**
Bedding is provided, but if you would like to assist Samaria Mission in keeping their bedding stock in a good condition, then you may bring your own sleeping bag, pillow and towel and then donate it at the end of the outreach.
9. **Can men wear shorts?**
Shorts may be worn in camp, but long pants need to be worn during ministry, evening services and Sunday service.
10. **Can women wear pants or shorts?**
Only in camp.
Shorts: ONLY knee length shorts may be worn.
Long Pants: NO skinny jeans and yoga pants/tights/leggings/whatever-you-call-them may be worn at any time during outreach!!!
Ladies, please ensure that you dress modestly at all times. "If your conservative great-granny says it is modest then you can wear it!"
11. **Can I wear a tie and jacket when preaching?**
There are some pastors that do own jackets and ties, but most of the rural pastors cannot afford to purchase jackets and ties, so please do not do this! We are trying to teach the rural pastor's that you do not have to wear a jacket and tie to be able to preach.

12. Can I use my bank card while on outreach?

There are ATM's available in South Africa and the charges are cheaper than exchanging money at a Foreign Exchange Bank and most stores accept your bank cards. There are no ATM's available in Mozambique.

PLEASE NOTE: You MUST inform your bank that you will be using your bank card while in South Africa.

13. How much offering should I give during Sunday service?

Whatever the Lord lays on your heart, but there are no offering bags so everyone can see what you are giving. Remember these are very poor people so please be sensitive and don't try to solve the church's poverty in your gift and don't think in dollars.

If you feel that this is restricting please discuss this with your Samaria Mission team leader and they will guide you in your giving.

14. Can I wear jewellery?

Only wrist watches, rings and chains. Nothing made of string/rope/hide, etc

15. Are Bibles supplied for ministry?

No, but you may donate money and Samaria Mission will purchase a box of bibles for use during your outreach.

16. Is there a need for drilling wells?

Yes. We have been able to drill wells in many villages, but there are many villages where we have not been able to drill a well. The cost of a well is \$2000

17. Do I really need to fill in all these forms?

Yes! Samaria Mission MUST have these forms for our information.

18. Can I be involved with Samaria Mission for more than one outreach?

Yes you may, please see our website for more information,

<http://samariamission.co.za/outreach-missionaries>

19. Does Samaria Mission have ongoing needs?

The core of our ministry is pastoral training, we travel into Mozambique on a monthly basis and there is an ongoing need to cover these expenses.

For more details speak to you Samaria Mission Team leader for more information.

20. Is there any other information I need to know?

Please refer to the Orientation Manual for all information, if your question is not answered anywhere in the Orientation Manual or in the FAQ's then please feel free to contact your Samaria Mission Team Leader.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION

All the following forms must be completed and must be handed to the Team leader – who in turn must give it to the Samaria Mission Team Leader on arrival in South Africa (except the Prayer Commitment Form).

1. **Personal Information Form**
2. **Indemnity Form**
3. **Medical Information Form**
4. **Statement of Faith**
5. **Doctrinal Agreement and Code of Conduct Form**
6. **Code of Conduct Agreement Form**
7. **Personal Reference**
8. **Prayer Commitment Form**

Each team member must find 3-5 prayer partners who will commit to pray for you at least 3 months before coming out on a short-term outreach as well as during the outreach period. 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.

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

Church name: _____

Your full name _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: postal _____

Email: _____

Passport number: _____

Date of expiration: _____

Occupation _____

Skills, talents (carpentry, music, teacher, etc.) _____

Briefly share your desire to come on a short-term outreach

Emergency contact

Name: _____

Phone number _____ relationship _____

CHURCH REFERENCE

The _____ (Church Name) of _____ (Place)

Whole-heartedly recommends the above person to Samaria Mission as sound in his/her faith and spiritually equipped to serve on this Outreach.

Signature (pastor or elder): _____

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

MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CHURCH: _____

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

MEDICAL INSURANCE CO. & TEL. NO: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE NO: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE NO: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Have you suffered from any serious illness lately? _____

2. List below any reasons and dates of prior hospitalisation? _____

3. Do you suffer from any type of allergy? (Including medicine and food) _____

4. Are there any known medical problems, which would hinder your involvement in strenuous work and activities? _____

The above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

 SIGNATURE

 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 **read the Doctrinal Statement** of Samaria Mission and agree not to teach any doctrine that would be contrary. The doctrinal "**statement of faith**" can also be found on Samaria Mission's website, www.samariamission.co.za

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 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.

Signature: _____

PRAYER COMMITMENT FOR MISSION OUTREACH

I, _____ (prayer partner), hereby enter into a commitment along with, _____ (person going on outreach) to faithfully pray daily that God will be glorified in the Mission outreach in _____ village. And that **God's will** for this mission will be accomplished in the lives of the people that are ministered to along with the lives of the members of the team.

Pray that the team will be led by the Holy Spirit and accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God. Also that each one of the team members will be sensitive to God's direction and His power that is available to them to accomplish **His will** on this mission.

(Name)

(Date)