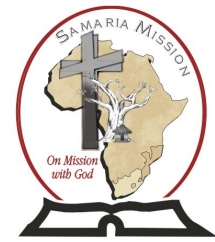


SAMARIA MISSION

SHORT TERMER

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. 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 a Short Termer 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.
- Commitment and involvement – You will be spending a lot of time and resources to make the trip and you will want to make every moment count.
- Feedback – We are always seeking to improve and we would appreciate feedback on your stay.
- Co-operation - Cheerful co-operation with those in authority, both with mission staff, outreach team members and other short termers.

What can you expect from Samaria Mission?

- We will provide you with mission experience that will be life changing.
- 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.

Preparing for Your Trip

Passports and Visas

You will need a valid passport, at least 6 months before passport expiry and there needs to be at least four open pages in your passport. No visa is required for South Africa if your stay is less than 90 days and visas for Mozambique are obtainable at the border at a **present cost of \$90**. If your stay is longer than 90 days you must apply for a South African Visa through the Embassy prior to coming.

Medical

Short termers 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 short termer 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 short-termer is also required to purchase Travel Insurance. If you stay longer than 3 months you will need medical coverage (this is required when applying for a South African Visa).**

Luggage

Check with the airline about their luggage requirements. 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.

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 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 this information and have it with you so that you can inform the baggage officials.**

If you are travelling into Mozambique as soon as you arrive then you MUST have your baggage forwarded as follows:

Pafuri Border Police, Kruger National Park.

Telephone numbers - 013-735-8937/ 8934/ 8936 (Border Police)

015-296-9920 (Church office)

082 554 9248 (Gordon Hayes - Administrator)

082 325-2030 (Sean Mullin)

082-970-0784 (William Vaughan – Director)

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

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

Christ Baptist Church, 375 Marshall Street, Polokwane

Telephone number - 015-296-9920

082 554 9248 (Gordon Hayes - Administrator)

082-970-0784 (William Vaughan – Director)

072 056 7876 (Sharyn Vaughan – Secretary)

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

General Information

Living Expenses while in South Africa

Ground Cost, if coming to serve for our outreach season (May – August): \$1100 for the first month and then \$550 for every month thereafter. This covers meals, lodging, transportation, visas, Kruger Park entrance and exit and one Kruger park overnight accommodation. **If you do not arrive at the same time as a team then you will have to pay an additional cost for transport from the airport to Polokwane.** Your total 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.

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

Accommodation

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

Immigration: 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

In order to maintain unity in teaching, it is required that each person will sign the **Doctrinal Agreement Form** (attached below) and 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**" is found on our website at www.christbaptist.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 the church planting process. Short termers **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 short termers 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.

The following is for your information so that you are aware of what is expected from teams;

Gift Giving – jealousy is a huge problem in Africa. And over the years we have experience 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 bringing totes loaded with gifts. If your team feels strongly that you would like to give a gift then please decide on one gift for each ministry (Women's, Men's and Children's). If you do plan to bring gifts then please contact your team leader to ensure that you bring sufficient gifts for everyone participating in the ministry.

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 without prior permission from the Department of Health in Mozambique; however we can assist the people with basic First Aid and medical needs while we are in a village. Therefore we need medicines to keep our First Aid kits well stocked with the basics and sometimes with more specific needs.

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

Basic First Aid Kit

If the need arises then Samaria Mission will help the local population with basic first aid in the village.

Checklist for personal packing

Men

Travel clothes
Travel shoes
Tennis Shoes
Work boots or work shoes (if working on a building site)
Work clothes (if working on a building site)
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 and pants
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:

*Air Mattress ****this is a must***

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. Women are required to wear skirts during ministry, long pants or shorts (**knee length shorts**) can be worn when in camp (a sarong can be worn over long pants/shorts for ministry instead of a skirt). Shorts are not to be worn while ministering (except with children's ministry and while playing sport). Sweat suits may be used in the evenings at the campsite. The dress code is related to the customs of the people in the area.
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. **Please do not make promises 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).**
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. **Avoid any political or religious arguments. Do not make any criticisms to anyone relating to the government and its laws and regulations.**
12. 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.
13. Do not make personal arrangements for tourism, visiting or other local activity at the ministry site without permission from the mission staff leader.
14. 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.
15. Any major concerns should be discussed with your Samaria Mission team leader.
16. 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 short termers in the morning.
17. Short termers 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!**
18. 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.
19. 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!
20. **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

Mark & Alicia Raley (Vonage phone: 325-659-0141)

smshorttermers@gmail.com

Samaria Mission (015-296-9920)

Samaria.mission@christbaptist.co.za

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 – if you are going to be here less than 90 days (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 short-temer should find several prayer partners at least 3 months before coming out on short-term outreach so that they can be prayed for in both preparation and during the outreach. This form must be left with the prayer partner and a copy of it can be kept by the short-temer.

Deadlines

8. If you are coming to serve as a short-temer during our outreach season from May – August, then you must send a \$50 non-refundable deposit to MEEK by March 15th. Your full ground cost is due one month before arrival. *If you are coming longer than the outreach season finances will be communicated with you via email.*

Address to MEEK

M.E.E.K. Inc. P.O. Box 1043 Denver, NC 28037

REFERENCE: YOUR NAME / SHORT-TERMER

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

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**" is found on Christ Baptist Church's website, www.christbaptist.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 Short Term 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 short term) to faithfully pray for the short term 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 short term 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)