

Zambia Project

Information Packet

Location: Kabwe, Zambia

Project Dates: January 30 - February 13, 2019

Total Fee: \$1,625*

(participation fee of \$955 and excursion fee of \$670)

Children 12 and under: \$1,475

(Age determined on the start date of the project)



**All amounts listed in document are in U.S. dollars.*

**International flights are not included in participation fee*

Maranatha in Zambia

The northern and southern Zambia region has the largest membership in the Seventh-day Adventist World Church with more than 1.17 million members, as of 2016. Over the years, Maranatha has received thousands of requests for churches in Zambia. Access to Christian education is also a big need throughout the country. Maranatha started working in Zambia in 2009 and has constructed several large school campuses as well as churches and Sabbath school classrooms in various parts of the country. A lot of the work was focused in and around Livingstone, Zambia, near the world-famous Victoria Falls.

Project Overview

Maranatha is now returning to Zambia to begin work at the Kabwe Adventist Primary School. Currently, the school has 473 students from pre-kindergarten through secondary. About 350 of those students are in the primary school. They currently meet in a very small, crowded facility in the heart of the city. The school is very well run, but they are severely limited by space. The school leadership would like to move the primary grades to a new location on the outer edge of the town, where they would share a piece of property recently acquired by the Adventist Church for a new regional office headquarters. The secondary school would continue operating in the city center of Kabwe.

Maranatha volunteers on this project will assist with the masonry construction of a new 12-classroom school campus. This community is also a wonderful place to conduct other outreach such as children's ministry programs, health education, maybe even medical clinics, but it all depends on finding leadership for these areas of outreach and the skills of the volunteers who register.

Project Schedule

Wednesday, January 30

Arrival in Lusaka, Zambia and drive to Kabwe.

Thursday, Jan. 31 - Friday, Feb. 1

Work days

Saturday, February 2

Worship with the local congregation.

Sunday - Friday, February 3 - 8

Work days

Saturday, February 9

Worship with the local congregation.

Sunday, February 10

Drive from Kabwe to Livingstone.

Monday, February 11

View Victoria Falls from Zambia; cross border to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Tuesday, February 12

Safari excursion in Chobe National Park

Wednesday, February 13

Depart from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Accommodations

During the project, volunteers will stay at the Gonde Lodge in Kabwe, Zambia. The hotel is basic, between a 1- and 2-star facility, depending on how you rate hotels. We chose this hotel because it's adequate, safe, and clean, and it's just two blocks from the construction site, meaning we can walk each day and keep the participation fee as low as possible.



The hotel has basic rooms with air conditioning. Each room has a private bathroom with hot water. Bedding, towels, and mosquito nets are provided; although washcloths are not commonly provided in Zambia, so you may want to bring your own. There is a Wi-Fi connection in the reception area of the hotel, but not in the rooms, and the connection will be slower than you might have at home. You should be able to send an email, but don't expect to be able to video chat or stream anything. The hotel also has a swimming pool and grassy areas around the courtyard.

The group will have meals together at the conference office kitchen on the same property as the construction site, just two blocks away from the hotel.

Volunteers should plan on staying in double occupancy rooms with a roommate. If you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project (December 31). If you would like to stay in a single occupancy room, a few single rooms are available for an additional cost of \$220 per person. Please contact Maranatha, as soon as possible, at volunteer@maranatha.org or (916) 774-7700 to let us know if you are planning on single-occupancy. You will need to make the additional payment by the final deadline.

On the excursion, volunteers will stay at a nicer hotel in Livingstone and Victoria Falls. The hotel is not yet locked in. So at this time, we cannot confirm the availability of single-occupancy rooms.

Excursions

After the project, volunteers will spend a few days enjoying the beauty of southern Africa. Volunteers will head south to Livingstone, Zambia where they will spend the night.



On Monday, the group will see Victoria Falls from the Zambia side before crossing into Zimbabwe to see the falls from the other side. Victoria Falls is one of the seven Wonders of the World, and it is truly a magnificent sight. Upon arrival in Victoria Falls, you will hear the thundering of the water and see the mist that rises more than 1,600 feet into the air. The falls are more than a mile wide, and nearly 150 million gallons of water cascade down the drop off each minute during the peak of the Zambezi River's high water flow. In the afternoon, volunteers will get a chance to see the falls up close and personal before having free time to explore the city or do other activities for an additional charge. That night, volunteers will enjoy a sunset river cruise on the Zambezi River.

The following morning the group will cross into Botswana and enjoy a full-day safari in Chobe National Park, a nature reserve that has one of the largest concentrations of game in Africa. Volunteers will get a chance to see all kinds of animals including elephants, hippos, zebras, lions, cheetahs, and much more. On Wednesday, volunteers will have the morning free to explore the town or relax at the hotel before departing for home from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. If time permits, there are some options in Victoria Falls to take an ultralight flight over the falls or do a lion walk at an additional cost.

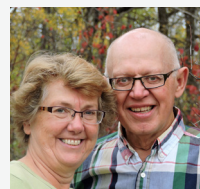
The excursion portion of the Maranatha fee covers everything you'll need during the excursion including accommodations, local transportation, meals, and entrance costs.

If you're unable to join the excursion for the project, please contact Maranatha for information on how you can still join the project portion of the project.

Leadership

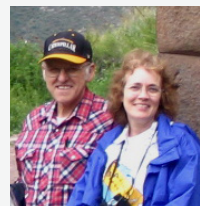
Merrill Zachary (Zack) | Project Coordinator

Merrill, who goes by Zack, is a Maranatha regular. Most recently, his Maranatha travels have taken him to Zimbabwe, Curacao, Ecuador, Brazil, Panama, and Kenya. Zack is a retired farmer from Manitoba, Canada, where he lives with his wife, Laureen. His positive attitude, warm heart, and extensive experience always promise a memorable mission experience. Zack will oversee all aspects of the trip as project coordinator.



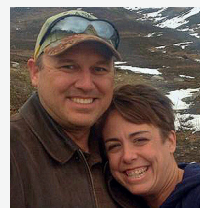
George Alder | Construction Superintendent

George and Becky Alder join the group from Palmer, Alaska. They are both Maranatha veteran volunteers who have participated on and led many projects. When not on a Maranatha project, they both enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren. George will bring his expertise to coordinate the volunteers on the job site as the construction superintendent.



Stacy Peterson | Spiritual Coordinator

Stacy and Laura Peterson reside in Palmer, Alaska with their two teen children, Cameron and Taylor. Stacy first joined Maranatha on a senior class mission trip to Mexico. After some prompting from friends and church members, George and Becky Alder, Stacy and Laura joined Maranatha again in 2014, and now, the entire family remains active on yearly Maranatha projects including the Ultimate Workout, school and church trips, and open team projects! Stacy currently works in administration at the clinic where Laura works as a pediatrician. When not on Maranatha projects, Stacy has enjoyed raising his two children, birdwatching, and photography. He will be coordinating the spiritual aspect of the project. While the group will be focused on constructing buildings and caring for the community, his hope is that while doing so, they can also do some digging in God's Word and glean some "WOW" tidbits to share with others.



Expenses

All amounts listed are in U.S. dollars.

The total fee of \$1,625 covers accommodations, three vegetarian meals a day, airport pick ups and ground transportation, local excursions, short-term travel insurance, a Maranatha t-shirt, and luggage tags. For accounting purposes, this fee is broken down into a participation fee of \$955 (which is tax- deductible) and an excursion fee of \$670 (which is not tax-deductible).

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by December 31 due to application processing time. Wait for confirmation of acceptance on the project before purchasing your airfare.

Payments can be made by cash or check sent to the Maranatha office in California (please include your name and "Zambia Project – January 2019") or by credit or debit card online or over the phone.

For Canadian tax-deductible receipts, payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address located at the end of this information packet). At this time Maranatha cannot issue Canadian tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments.

If you are fundraising or receiving donations please either have them sent directly to you or work with your local church treasurer to collect funds and issue tax-deductible receipts, since it is difficult for Maranatha to track individual small checks. If your church will not work with you, please wait until you have collected the full amount of your participation fee before submitting your participation fee to Maranatha.

Estimate of Additional Costs

- **International Flights:** \$1,100 - \$1,800
- **Passport:** \$130 or \$110 for renewal
- **Entrance Visa:** \$50-150
- **Yellow Fever Vaccine:** \$200

About Zambia

Zambia is a landlocked country, slightly larger than the state of Texas, and located in southern Africa. Much of its southern border is formed by the Zambezi river, which separates it from the country of Zimbabwe. The rest of the country consists mostly of plateaus with some small mountains intersected with valleys. There are several protected reserves and national parks where at least 242 documented mammal species can be seen. The Rhodesian giraffe is one of the well-known subspecies found in the region.

The earliest European contact with the tribes who inhabited the region was made in the 18th century by Portuguese explorers who led expeditions into the region from neighboring Mozambique. However, the most famous exploration of the area was conducted by a Scottish explorer and missionary, David Livingstone. In 1855, Livingstone was the first European to see the waterfalls on the Zambezi river, and he named them Victoria Falls in honor of Queen Victoria of Britain. The town of Livingstone was named after the explorer in 1905 and is the famous gateway to the Falls. Zambia was a British colony, part of Rhodesia, from 1911 until 1963, until it gained independence and was renamed the Republic of Zambia the following year.

Zambia is very ethnically diverse, made up of over 70 tribal groups in addition to European immigrants. Being a former British colony, the official language is English, but more than 73 other languages are spoken in the country! During the 1920's there was a period of rapid urban growth due to the onset of industrial copper mining, and the western influence led to the traditional tribal culture mixing with contemporary dress, music, and lifestyle. Visitors can still see many remnants of traditional life through artwork, food, clothing, music, and religion.

Travel Information

Please read the following flight information carefully to be sure you're booking from the correct airports.

Please complete the online registration and wait for confirmation from Maranatha before purchasing your airfare to ensure there is still space on the project. Together volunteers will travel together by bus to the project location.

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of Lusaka, Zambia, and depart out of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, after the excursion. If you arrive or depart outside the posted time frames, you may have long wait times at the airport or be responsible for paying the additional transportation for your individual airport transfer.

Flights

Arrival | Please arrive in Lusaka, Zambia (airport code LUN), in the morning or early afternoon of Wednesday, January 30. Please arrive before 3:30 p.m. as the group will have a two-hour drive to Kabwe that evening.

Departure | Please depart from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (VFA), in morning or early afternoon of Wednesday, February 13.

There may be cheaper flight options available departing a day late, on February 14. You're welcome to book those tickets but you would be on your own for booking another night at the hotel (we can let you know where the Maranatha group will stay so you can work with the same hotel if you want), as well as food and transportation to the airport. If your flight routes you back to Lusaka before heading home, you could need another single-entry visa if you don't have the KAZA UniVisa (see Entry Requirements below).



Facts and Figures

Capital: Lusaka

Population: 15.97 million

Language: English (official) 1.7%;
local Dialects: Bemba 33.4%,
Nyanja 14.7%, Tonga 11.4%

Climate: Tropical; rainy season
October to April

Religion: Protestant 75%, Roman
Catholic 20%

Currency: Zambian Kwacha

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Southern Africa has some beautiful travel destinations. Some of you may choose to arrive earlier than January 30 or stay beyond February 13 to explore the region on your own. Please make your own hotel and transportation plans for any days outside of the Maranatha project dates. If you have any questions, feel free to call Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

Travel Resources

CI Azumano Travel: 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at corporatetravel@ciazumano.com

Butler Travel: 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at nathan@butlertravel.com or with Ellen at ellen@butlertravel.com.

Kayak: www.kayak.com

When contacting the Azumano or Butler travel agencies, make sure you mention Maranatha to receive a discounted service charge.

Entry Requirements

Below are the requirements for U.S. and Canadian travelers. Citizens of other countries, please consult the Zambian embassy or consulate in your home country for entrance requirements.

Passport | All passports must be valid for at least six months from the dates of intended travel (August 14, 2019). If you do not have a passport, U.S. citizens can apply at any U.S. post office or online at <http://travel.state.gov>. Canadian citizens can apply online at www.passport.gc.ca. It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

Tourist Visa | A visa is special permission that you have to receive in order to enter another country. It is granted by the country's government. So in addition to your passport, U.S. and Canadian travelers must also purchase an entrance visa upon arrival in Zambia. Because you'll also need entrance into Botswana and Zimbabwe as part of the excursion at the end of the project, we are recommending one of two options.:

- 1. KAZA UniVisa - \$50 total:** This visa is a visa that is good for multiple entries to Zambia and Zimbabwe and also covers day trips to Botswana. It is by far the best option for this project since it will make border crossings easier and save you money. However, sometimes the KAZA UniVisa is not available or could be out of stock at the airport. If that is the case, you'd need to get single or double entry visas as outlined below.
- 2. Normal Entrance Visas - \$105-\$200 total:** If you cannot get the KAZA UniVisa the next best option is to get a Single Entry Visa for Zambia. This visa is \$50, paid in cash. For the excursion, you would also need to get a Multiple Entry visa into Zimbabwe at the end of the project which is \$55 for U.S. citizens. Canadians can only get Single Entry Visas for Zimbabwe, so you would need two of them and they are \$75 each. (If for any reason you're not joining the excursion, you can just do a single entry Zambian visa for \$50.)

Yellow Fever | Currently proof of the yellow fever vaccine is not required to enter Zambia unless you're coming from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Transit Visas | Most flight itineraries will require a layover in another country, so be sure to check any requirements for transit visas for the country where you transfer.

Staying Healthy

Maranatha requires that every volunteer have a current **tetanus** vaccine (within the last 10 years). The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommend vaccines for hepatitis A, typhoid, and an oral anti-malarial medication other than chloroquine.

You may already have some of these vaccinations, and they may still be good for this trip. Others you may deem unnecessary for this trip. Maranatha recommends that you schedule a consultation with your physician or a travel clinic to discuss the medical risks in Zambia and the ways to minimize them.

How to Register

To register, please complete the online registration and pay the full participation fee or an initial deposit of at least half the total participation fee. You can make this payment by credit card online or over the phone or with a check made out to Maranatha Volunteers International and sent to the address below. If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, Maranatha will do our best to refund your deposit up until one month before travel. After that point, \$150 is non-refundable, and the remainder will depend on the reservations and the project arrangements already made.

Register online at Maranatha.org or over the phone.

Contact Information

Phone: (916) 774-7700

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Email: volunteer@maranatha.org

Website: www.maranatha.org

Mailing Address:

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990 Reserve Drive, Suite 100
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