

Family Project Zambia

Information Packet

Location: Kabwe, Zambia

Project Dates: June 20 - 30, 2019

Optional Excursion Dates: June 30 - July 3, 2019

Total Fee: \$1,200*

Children 12 and under: \$1,050

(Age determined on the start date of the project)

Optional Excursion Fee: \$670

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

International flights are not included in the participation fee



Maranatha in Zambia

The northern and southern Zambia region has one of the largest memberships in the Seventh-day Adventist World Church with more than 1.17 million members. Over the years, Maranatha has received thousands of requests for churches and schools in Zambia. Since 2009, Maranatha 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

Zambia is close to central Sub-Saharan Africa, although it is technically in the southern part of the continent. The capital is Lusaka, and this project will take place in a little city called Kabwe, located three hours north of the capital. Kabwe isn't a tourist destination. It was once an industrial area where copper, tin, and zinc mines provided jobs. But this is no longer the case.

The Adventist school, offering programs for preschool through grade 12, is located in the downtown area, which makes it a convenient location, but there is no room for physical growth. The school doesn't even have a playground because of the lack of space. The school has more than 500 students, and they urgently need more room.

Just a few kilometers outside the city is a brand new conference office for the Adventist Church in Zambia. On a piece of property adjacent to the offices, Maranatha began constructing a primary campus for Kabwe in November 2018.

Project Schedule

Thursday, June 20

Arrive in Lusaka, Zambia, travel to Kabwe

Friday, June 21

Orientation and first day of work

Sabbath, June 22

Worship with the local congregation, take a relaxing afternoon walk

Sunday-Friday, June 23-28

Work days—construction, medical clinics, children's ministry, kitchen

Sabbath, June 29

Education emphasis Sabbath; community lunch; prayer walk at the new school

Sunday, June 30

Chaminuka Safari, evening departures from Lusaka, Zambia

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Sunday, June 30

Drive to Livingstone, Zambia

Monday, July 1

Victoria Falls tours, sunset river cruise on Zambezi River

Tuesday, July 2

Chobe National Park Safari

Wednesday, July 3

Departures from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Volunteers on this project will be completing the masonry construction on the administration building and possibly another structure on campus. We'll also paint the interior and exterior of two classrooms that a previous Maranatha group constructed.

In addition to the construction, volunteers will have the chance to interact with the community through a variety of outreach opportunities. Classes will be in session during our project, so volunteers will help with morning worships at the existing school downtown as well as interact with another school that serves street kids and underserved children in the area. We plan to have a special education celebration for students, family, and community on the last Sabbath of our project. The group will also conduct interactive health education programs, a larger-scale health expo in the city, and medical and dental clinics in remote villages that don't get much medical care.

Giving Opportunity

We know that a mission trip like this is very expensive, and many of you have sacrificed a great deal in order to participate. Yet we are asking if you'd be willing to step out in faith again to help with a special education offering on our last Sabbath in Zambia. This offering will be designated to help pay for specific needs at the school, as identified by the teachers.

The needs are as follows:

- 240 desks (\$40 each)
- 12 Chalkboards
- Musical instruments
- Computers
- Tuition (\$200 per term)

Would you be willing to help? Starting now, perhaps you can collect all your loose change to go toward this offering. Or maybe you can take up a collection at your church? Or instead of eating out one evening, maybe you can take that money and put it toward this offering?

These donations will be given directly to the school in cash on the project. These donations will not be run through Maranatha.

About the Family Project

Each year, Maranatha offers at least two mission projects specifically for families. One takes place in the summer, and the other is during Christmas. Designed to accommodate volunteers of any age, the project is an excellent alternative to a theme-park family vacation or gift-centered holiday. Volunteers who participate say the experience has not only broadened their perspective on the world and missions, it's also brought them closer together as a family. Families of all types and sizes are welcome, and individuals are also welcome to join. Family projects fill up very quickly, so register early if you are interested in joining this mission trip!

Children at the Project Site

We have different expectations for young volunteers, depending on their age and maturity. We expect children ages 13 or older to put in a full day of work, whether it's on the construction site, in the kitchen, or with outreach activities. Children 12 years and under may help with construction, but they must work under the supervision of a parent or designated adult.

For younger volunteers, Maranatha will have a Day Camp with different activities organized during the work hours (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.), which could include the following:

Work | We'll plan simple tasks so kids can put in a few hours on the construction site.

Play | We'll schedule time for kids to let loose and have fun, because playtime is an important part of being a kid. Children's activities may include swimming one or two days during the project.

Cultural Experiences | We'll introduce kids to local customs, such as visiting a marketplace or spending some time in classes with local children their age/grade.

Outreach | We'll encourage kids to help with children's ministry programs and other service activities.

We won't necessarily have all of these components every day, but these categories will make up the activities available for young volunteers. Parents can drop their child off with the program leaders, stay with their child, or keep their child with them throughout the day.

Family Project Purposes

Short-term mission trips have become a popular way for people to serve others, make a difference, challenge themselves, grow spiritually, and see unique parts of the world. Most people have several reasons for participating, some that stand out more than others.

It's important for all volunteers to be clear on the purpose(s) of this Maranatha short-term mission trip. Maranatha's mission statement gives the focus, which is *"Maranatha spreads the Gospel throughout the world by building people through the construction of urgently needed buildings."* To sum it up, Maranatha:

- Spreads the Gospel throughout the world
- Builds people
- Constructs urgently needed buildings

Maranatha's three broad but clear purposes will guide the planning of this project. We also want to emphasize how service opportunities shape our values and develop our faith in God, challenge and bond our families, and allow us to be a part of what God is already doing to spread the Gospel in Zambia. This is what will shape what we plan, what we do, and how we evaluate this particular Maranatha mission project.

Please take some time to reflect on the reason(s) why you are going on this Maranatha mission trip. Talk about it with your family. Some might be more enthusiastic about this trip than others. How do your purposes match with what you can expect for this project? What adjustments might you need to make?

Flexibility

"FLEXIBILITY" is the one key word that will be necessary in all that we do on this mission trip. It's not the purpose of the mission trip, but it will be necessary to achieve our purposes. While we make plans, we can pretty much guarantee that there will be surprises that will force us to adapt. Your flexibility could be tested by things like jet lag, roommates, the weather, and last minute schedule changes. If we aren't flexible, we'll have plenty to feel miserable about, and we will lose out on multiple opportunities to serve others and improve ourselves.

By going on a Maranatha mission trip, you are putting yourself in a great environment for growth but that means changes in your life. FLEXIBILITY enables you to grow without breaking. By all means, bring FLEXIBILITY with you because you'll need it just about every day.

Accommodations

For the family project, we aim for a 2-star hotel (adequately clean and safe with beds, bathrooms, showers with hot water, and air conditioning). We also like to be close to the project so we don't have to spend a lot of time traveling each day.

At this moment we're still negotiating with three hotels that are fairly close to the job site. The hotels are basic, between a 1- and 2-star facility, depending on how you rate hotels. We mention this in advance so you can adjust your expectations. It will most likely be a lower standard than where you currently reside.

The rooms are clean and furnished with bedding and towels. Washcloths are not commonly provided in Zambia, so you may want to bring your own. There are also mosquito nets for each bed. There is air conditioning, private bathrooms for each room, and hot water in most of the rooms. The exact temperature ranges from lukewarm to scalding. WiFi is available in the reception area, but it is slow and unreliable at best.

Volunteers should plan on staying in double occupancy rooms with a roommate. For families larger than that, we can add one or two mattresses on the floor or give your family more than one room. If you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project. During the project, there may be some single occupancy rooms available for an extra cost of \$250 per person. If you are interested in a single occupancy room, please email volunteer@maranatha.org or call (916) 774-7700.

Excursions

Because Kabwe is not a tourist destination, there really aren't excursion opportunities nearby. The town is relatively basic with grocery stores, clinics, bus stops, and a closed textile manufacturing facility. Local "bush" villages are 30-60 minutes away, but we're going to respect their privacy. So instead of taking a day mid-week to see something, we will take a small tour on the final day of the project.

Near the capital city of Lusaka is a small nature reserve, Chaminuka, which has 72 species of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, plus 300 species of birds. The group will take an afternoon safari, enjoy a buffet lunch, and take a boat ride on a nearby lake before heading to the Lusaka airport for departing flights or spending the night near the airport to catch flights the next day. Since the animals are wild, there is no guarantee of what the group will see. The Chaminuka excursion is included in your participation fee.

For an additional \$25, you can add a 30-minute cheetah interaction at the park where you are guaranteed to see cheetahs and even pet one (they are in a large, caged area with leashes and trained personnel).

Optional Excursion

Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park: \$670

If volunteers would like to have a more lengthy excursion in Zambia, they can join an optional trip to Victoria Falls and Chobe National park for an additional cost of \$650 per person. Those joining the optional excursion will skip the Chaminuka excursion because they will be driving that day to Victoria Falls. The \$650 for the optional excursion fee covers everything during including accommodations, local transportation, meals, and entrance costs.

On Sunday, volunteers will head south (about 9 hours) to Livingstone, Zambia, where they will spend the night. On Monday, the group will see Victoria Falls from the Zambia side before crossing over to 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 before having time to explore the city or do other activities for an additional charge. That evening, 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, giraffes, zebras, lions, cheetahs, and much more. On Wednesday, volunteers will have the morning to explore the town or relax at the hotel before departing for home from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. If time permits, you may choose to take an ultralight flight over Victoria Falls or do a lion walk at an additional cost. Please see the travel section of this packet for details regarding your departure flight.

Leadership

Steve Case, Project Coordinator and Spiritual Coordinator

Steve is the president of Involve Youth, a youth ministry organization that energizes young people for service. This includes leading several Maranatha projects each year, including Family Projects and the Multiple Group Project. Each project is unique, and this one promises to be no exception. Steve lives near the Maranatha headquarters in Northern California with his wife Marit. Making the most of whatever comes to the group and getting back to basic values and faith are qualities Steve desires for every family on this project.



Danny Poljak, Construction Superintendent

Danny joins the group from Roseville, California, where he works in the construction industry. He has served with Maranatha on multiple Family Projects as well as other Maranatha mission trips. He is joined by his wife Branka and his daughter Anella, who has practically grown up on Maranatha's Family Projects. Danny is enthusiastic that something tangible like a building can be so transformative to a congregation and community. When not on a Maranatha project, Danny enjoys scuba diving and biking.



Mary Johnson, Children's Ministries Coordinator

Mary joins the group from California where she works as a middle and high school Spanish teacher. In 2018, her commitment to missions led her to take a year off from her job to devote the entire year to short-term mission trips. During that time, she led children's programs on multiple Maranatha projects. Mary's faith, zest, and enthusiasm spark children's creativity as they learn about God's love.



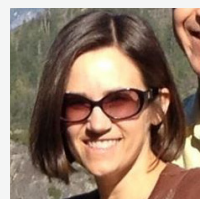
Maggie Petersen, Head Cook

Ever since her retirement, Maggie has been cooking for all kinds of groups in all kinds of places, including Maranatha family projects and other short-term mission trips. She's amazing in demonstrating flexibility with whatever her circumstances, equipment, staffing, and food availability. Don't plan on losing weight with Maggie's tasty cooking but expect familiar as well as local flavors and treats.



Audra Grellmann, Day Camp Coordinator

Audra has participated in mission trips since she was a child. At home, in addition to homeschooling her two children, she is also quite active in children's ministry and church and school activities. She joined her home church on a Maranatha project in 2012 to help with the children's program and then returned in 2014 on a Family Project to the Dominican Republic where she led the Day Camp. On this project, she will once again lead the Day Camp activities to give younger children a way to actively participate in the trip. She will also be looking for other adults to assist her either full time during the trip or part time as needed.



We Need Your Help

The team is looking for a medical personnel for medical clinics in rural villages in addition to a 1-day Health Expo in Lusaka. If you would be interested in leading out or participating in this, please contact Maranatha at (916) 774-7799 and join the Family Project to Zambia.

Expenses

All amounts listed are in U.S. dollars.

The total fee of \$1,200 covers housing, three vegetarian meals a day, ground transportation to and from the airport and project site, translators, local excursions, short-term travel insurance, a Maranatha t-shirt, and luggage tags. The participation fee is tax-deductible. The optional excursion fee of \$670 per person is not tax-deductible.

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by May 20 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 "Family Project Zambia 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 tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments.

If you are fundraising or receiving donations, please either have donations 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 for your participation fee before submitting it to Maranatha.

Estimate of Additional Costs

- **International Flights:** \$1,100-\$1,800
- **Passport:** \$130 or \$110 for renewal
- **Entrance Visa:** \$50-150
- **Optional Vaccines:** \$50-\$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.



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: June is winter time with
pleasant temperatures and fairly
dry; cool at night

Religion: Protestant 75%, Roman
Catholic 20%

Currency: Zambian Kwacha
(exchange rate of about 11.5
Kwacha per U.S. dollar)

Travel Information

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of Lusaka. Those joining the optional excursion will be departing out of a different airport in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. 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 costs for your individual airport transfer.

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

Flights

Arrival | Please arrive in Lusaka, Zambia (airport code LUN) in the morning or early afternoon, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. of Thursday, June 20. The group will have a three-hour drive to Kabwe that afternoon.

Departure (Project Only) | Please depart from Lusaka, Zambia (LUN), in the evening of Sunday, June 30 after 6 p.m. or early in the morning, before 3 a.m., on Monday, July 1. Alternatively, you can also spend the night in Lusaka and depart on Ethiopian or South African Airways on Monday afternoon, July 1, but there are no scheduled activities for July 1.

Departure (Optional Excursion) | Please depart from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (VFA), in the morning or early afternoon of Wednesday, July 3*

**There may be cheaper flight options available departing from Victoria Falls a day later. 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).*

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Southern Africa has some beautiful travel destinations. Some may choose to arrive earlier than June 20 or stay beyond June 30 explore the country on your own. The Maranatha dates are firm, and any extra travel must coincide with the arrival and departure windows above. 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, 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 Optional 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.

Traveling With Minors

If you are traveling with a legal minor (under the age of 18 on the date you depart), both parents or legal guardians must travel with the minor. Otherwise, you must have two parental consent forms notarized. This provides government entities with evidence that both guardians have consented to their child leaving the country with the other guardian and Maranatha. One original must be mailed to Maranatha, and the other original must stay with you while you travel. If a parent is divorced, the missing parent still needs to sign the form unless the parent traveling with the minor has sole legal custody. In that case, a copy of the divorce paperwork, indicating sole custody, must be included. If a parent has died, a copy of the death certificate must be included.

You can download a PDF of the Parental Consent Form at www.maranatha.org/resources. This form will ask for two people as appointees of the minor. The first appointee will be the guardian traveling with the child. The other will be Steve Case, Maranatha's project coordinator for the Family Project.

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.

Malaria is a disease spread by mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are much more prevalent during the rainy season, and our project will be during the dry season. However, it is still a risk.

You may already have some of these vaccinations, and they may still be good for this trip. Others you choose not to get for one reason or another. 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 for at least half the total participation fee. You can make this payment by credit card online, over the phone, or with a check made out to Maranatha Volunteers International and mailed 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

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