

Kenya Project

Information Packet

Location: Kiutine, Kenya

Project Dates: June 12 - 27, 2019

Total Fee: \$1,925*

(participation fee of \$1,100 and excursion fee of \$825)

Children 12 and under: \$1775

(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 the participation fee

Maranatha in Kenya

Maranatha's first volunteer project in Africa took place in 2008, during a major construction effort in Mozambique. Since then, Maranatha has expanded to several other African countries including Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Angola, and Ghana. In 2016, Maranatha kicked off a new effort in Kenya, with plans to drill water wells and construct churches, school classrooms, dorms, and dining facilities.

Project Overview

Volunteers on this project will build new block buildings for the Kiutine Seventh-day Adventist School, located approximately an hour northeast of Meru, Kenya. For the last year Maranatha has sent volunteer teams to this campus. Prior to Maranatha's involvement, the students at this secondary school lived in less than adequate conditions. The dormitories were small, cramped, unsafe, and had dirt floors. The walls had holes where bugs, mice, and snakes could easily enter. The shower area was just a muddy fenced area, open to the elements, where students used buckets to bathe.

Maranatha volunteer teams have done a lot of work on the campus and when the campus is completed, it will have four new dormitories and bathroom buildings, a kitchen and dining hall, new classrooms, staff housing, offices, a well, and hopefully a new church! Maranatha continues to build as individuals commit to fund the construction. On this project, volunteers will build two classrooms for the new and improved campus.

During the project, volunteers will also visit and worship with Adventist congregations of the Samburu tribe. Prior to Maranatha's work, these congregations met under trees for

Project Schedule

Wednesday, June 12

Arrival in Nairobi

Thursday, June 13

Travel to Kiutine, orientation

Friday, June 14

First work day

Saturday, June 15

Worship with the Samburu tribe in Lolparuai

Sunday, June 16 - Thursday, June 20

Work days

Friday, June 21

Half work day and afternoon dedication program

Saturday, June 22

Worship with the Samburu tribe in Chumviere

Sunday, June 23

Travel to Nairobi, Bomas of Kenya activity

Monday, June 24

Travel to Masai Mara, afternoon game drive (if time allows)

Tuesday, June 25

Full day safari

Wednesday, June 26

Travel to Nairobi

Thursday, June 27

Giraffe Center, Kazuri Bead Factory, shopping, evening departures from Nairobi

worship. Now, several congregations meet in One-Day Church structures, which not only protect them from the elements but also provide a sense of permanence and purpose as they worship God. In these towns, you will have the rare opportunity to witness tribal life in Kenya.

This area of Kenya is relatively poor and would also be greatly impacted by outreach activities. If we have enough volunteers, we would like to conduct a children's ministry program in nearby communities and perhaps even hold health education programs. If you're interested in leading one of these programs, please contact Maranatha and join the Kenya Project this June!

Accommodations

On the project, 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.

Nairobi: At the beginning and end of the project, the group will stay in Nairobi at the Smith Hotel. The hotel is located about 40 minutes from the airport, across town. The hotel is nice and clean with bedding, mosquito nets, and private bathrooms.

Project: During the project, the group will stay at the iKweta Country Inn in Maua, Kenya, about 40 minutes from the school construction site.

The hotel is basic, but the rooms are clean and comfortably furnished with either two twin beds or one queen bed. Linens are provided. Washcloths are not commonly provided in Kenya, so plan on bringing your own. Each room has a private bathroom with hot water. The rooms do not have AC, but the weather in Maua does not often get above 75 in the summer. If you get hot regularly, you may consider bringing a portable fan. WiFi is available in the conference rooms and the lobby for an additional cost per day. The signal is not very strong, so do not plan on any video or audio calling, but it should support basic messages and emails.

The group will meet together for breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Sack lunches will be taken with the group in the morning. We will ask each volunteer to bring some ziploc bags for lunches since they're not available in Kenya. We will use one of the conference rooms for worships. Each day, the group will travel to the Kiutine school by private buses.

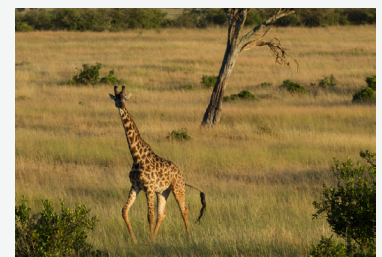
Excursion: On the excursion, the group will stay at the beautiful Sopa Lodge at the Masai Mara. The gardens surrounding the lodge are lush and mature with many examples of local fauna. The hotel rooms are large with queen and king size beds, mosquito nets, hot water, Wi-Fi, and private bathrooms. For more information and photos of the Sopa Lodge visit www.sopalodges.com/masai-mara-sopa-lodge/overview

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 before the final deadline for the project (May 6). During the project, there may be some single occupancy rooms available for an extra cost of \$500 per person. Single occupancy rooms on the excursion have an additional cost of \$280 per person. If you are interested in a single occupancy room, please email volunteer@maranatha.org or call (916) 774-7700.

Excursions

At the end of the project, volunteers will experience some of Kenya's extraordinary wildlife and culture. On Sunday morning, the volunteers will depart from Kiutine and drive approximately seven hours to Nairobi. When they arrive, they will visit Bomas of Kenya, a cultural center that allows visitors to step into the tribal life of Kenya. There are displays showcasing examples of the villages, crafts, music, and dances of the different tribes.

The following morning, the group will continue on to the Masai Mara, one of the largest national parks in Kenya and one of the top 10 African safari destinations. Within a few hours of being at the reserve, it is possible to see the "Big Five" (lion, leopard, water buffalo, rhinoceros, and elephant), as well as many other wild animals such as zebras, giraffes, hippopotamuses,



wildebeests, cheetahs, antelope, vultures, hyenas, and much more! On Tuesday, the group will spend all day in the park enjoying the wildlife.

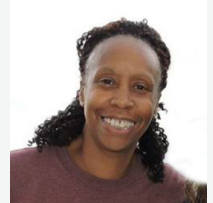
On Wednesday, the group will return to Nairobi and spend the night. The following morning, the group will travel to the Giraffe Centre where visitors have a chance to get up close and personal with the giraffes and even feed them! The group will then visit a local bead factory and a shopping center where they can purchase some local souvenirs before heading to the airport for their evening departures.

The excursion is considered part of the entire project. All hotels, food, transportation, activities, and park entrances during the excursion days are covered by the excursion fee paid to Maranatha.

Leadership

Loretta and Darryl Spivey | Co-Project Coordinator and Spiritual Coordinator

Loretta has volunteered with Maranatha since 2003 when she joined the Ultimate Workout as an *Insight* magazine reporter. Throughout the years she has served as an outreach coordinator, spiritual coordinator, and project coordinator for many different open team projects. Loretta got her husband involved with Maranatha projects in 2015 when he joined her on the Multiple Group Project in the Dominican Republic. He is very supportive of Loretta's travels with Maranatha and is sometimes able to join her on projects where he often serves as the spiritual coordinator for the group. While not on a Maranatha project, Loretta works as a writer and Darryl manages teaching faculty at a training company. Although the Pittsburgh Steelers will always hold their allegiance, Darryl, Loretta, and their five amazing children now call North Carolina home. Their leadership of projects focuses on connecting volunteers with Christ, and they look forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit will work on this project.



Jessica Perez | Co-Project Coordinator

Jessica first started volunteering with Maranatha in 2007 in Ecuador on the Ultimate Workout. She is originally from North Carolina, but now her address changes regularly as she works as a traveling ER nurse throughout the United States. She has a heart for service and healing, and since her first trip with Maranatha, she has joined multiple projects throughout Central and South America often serving as the team medic. When not on a Maranatha project she enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family. This will be Jessica's first Maranatha project in Africa and she will be co-leading the trip alongside Loretta.



Expenses

All amounts listed are in U.S. dollars.

The total fee of \$1925 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. For accounting purposes, this fee is broken down into a participation fee of \$1,100 (which is tax-deductible) and an excursion fee of \$825 (which is not tax-deductible).

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by May 6, 2019 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 "Kenya Project - June 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

- **Flight to Nairobi:** \$900 - \$1,500
- **Passport:** \$130 or \$110 for renewal
- **Visa:** \$51
- **Yellow Fever Vaccine:** \$75-300 (depending on insurance)
- **Malaria Prevention:** \$30-200 (depending on insurance)

About Kenya

Kenya is located in eastern Africa with its westernmost point at Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa, and the easternmost point at the coastline of the Indian Ocean. This beautiful country is a little smaller than the state of Texas in the United States and boasts a range of landscapes. There are plains, dense forests, wetlands, snow-capped mountains, stark deserts, and white-sand beaches.

It isn't just the geography of Kenya that is diverse. Kenya is home to more than 40 people groups, including the famous Maasai people. Each of these groups has their own culture and way of life, including elaborate and colorful dress, jewelry, dances, music, and language.

Some of the original inhabitants of the region were herders who took care of their animals and farmed the region. The Swahili people built the city of Mombasa into a major port and established trade links that reached into Arabia, Persia, and India. The area was largely colonized by England by way of the Imperial British East Africa Company in 1888, and in 1920, the colony was renamed Kenya after the highest mountain in the region. In the early part of the 20th century, many European farmers, who attained wealth through coffee and tea production, settled the highlands. Kenya eventually received its independence in December 1963.

Travel Information

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of Nairobi.

If you arrive or depart outside the posted time frames, you may have long wait times at the airport or may be responsible for paying the additional transportation 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. Together volunteers will travel together by bus to the project location.

Flights

Arrival | Please plan to arrive in Nairobi (airport code NBO), between 6 p.m.* and 10 p.m. in the evening of Wednesday, June 12.

**There is a flight on Ethiopian Airlines that gets in around 2 p.m. You are more than welcome to book this flight, but you will need to wait at the airport until we can send someone to meet you during the scheduled flight arrival window.*

Departure | Please plan to depart from Nairobi (NBO) anytime after 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.



Facts and Figures

Capital: Nairobi

Population: 45.9 million

Language: Kiswahili, English, and indigenous languages

Climate: Tropical along coast. Arid inland

Religion: Christian 83%, Muslim 11%

Currency: Kenyan Shilling

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Kenya has some beautiful travel destinations. Some of you may choose to arrive earlier than June 12 or stay beyond June 27 to 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 citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please consult the Kenyan 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 (December 28, 2019). If you do not have a passport, United States (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 | In addition to a passport, travelers must also have a valid tourist visa for the country of Kenya before traveling. A document with complete visa requirements and a travel itinerary with project addresses will be sent to you with your confirmation. The Kenyan visa is done online and is good for three months from date of issue, so Maranatha recommends waiting until the end of June. Currently, U.S. and Canadian visitors are also able to get visas upon arrival in Nairobi; however, Maranatha recommends processing the visa ahead of time to avoid the extra paperwork and delays when you arrive in Kenya.

Minors ages 16 and under do not need a Kenyan tourist visa, according to the Kenyan Department of Immigration Services.

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 Loretta Spivey, Maranatha's project coordinator for this 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 and B, typhoid, yellow fever, and an oral antimalarial 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. Maranatha recommends that you schedule a consultation with your physician or a travel clinic to discuss the medical risks in Kenya and the ways to minimize them.

Malaria, Yellow Fever, and Mosquitoes

Malaria and yellow fever are both life-threatening diseases, transmitted primarily by mosquitoes. Malaria transmission is known to take place throughout the entire country, and yellow fever is present in all areas except for the coastline.

Malaria is prevented through several different oral medications. Each has different side effects and dosages, so speak with a travel clinic doctor before making a decision on whether to take a certain medication. When considering preventative medications for malaria, keep in mind that chloroquine is NOT effective in Kenya. The malaria strain present in the country is considered to be chloroquine-resistant.

Yellow fever is prevented by a vaccination; however at this time (Nov 2018) there is a shortage of the yellow fever vaccine in North America, so it can be hard to get and very expensive. The yellow fever vaccine is not typically recommended for those over a certain age.

For more information and recommendations, Maranatha suggests you speak with a medical professional regarding malaria and yellow fever prevention and what is right for you.

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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