

# Zambia Project

## Information Packet

**Location:** Kabwe, Zambia

**Project Dates:** October 24 - November 3, 2019

**Optional Excursion Dates:** November 3-6, 2019

**Participation Fee:** \$945

**Children 12 and under:** \$795

(Age determined on the start date of the project)

**Optional Excursion Fee:** \$830

*\*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 region of Zambia 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

This year, Maranatha is returning to Zambia to begin work at the Kabwe Adventist Primary School. The school meets in a small, crowded facility in the heart of the city. It's 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. There are currently 500 students at the school, and they urgently need more room.

Just a few kilometers outside the city is a brand new headquarters for the Adventist Church in Zambia. The school is moving the primary grades to this plot of land, adjacent to the new office building. The secondary school will continue operating in the city center. This opens up space for the secondary school to accept more students, and the new campus will provide plenty of room for growth at the elementary level as well.

Maranatha began constructing the campus in November 2018. We are aiming to finish the school by January 2020. Volunteers on this project will be instrumental in finishing up the final stages of work at the school. The group will be painting the interior and exterior of the

## Project Schedule

**Thursday, October 24**

Arrive in Lusaka, Zambia, travel to Kabwe

**Friday, October 25**

Orientation and first day of work

**Saturday, October 26**

Worship with the local congregation

**Sun-Fri, October 27 - November 1**

Work days

**Saturday, November 2**

Worship with the local congregation

**Sunday, November 3**

Afternoon or evening departures from Lusaka or continue on optional excursion.

### OPTIONAL EXCURSION

**Sunday, November 3**

Drive to Livingstone, Zambia

**Monday, November 4**

Victoria Falls tours, sunset river cruise on Zambezi River

**Tuesday, November 5**

Chobe National Park Safari

**Wednesday, November 6**

Departures from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

bathrooms and ten of the twelve classrooms (one building will already be painted by a previous group). Depending on the number of volunteers who register, the group may also assist with the final block work on the school offices or help pour the campus sidewalks.

The volunteers will also interact with the students during chapel programs at the existing school. There may also be opportunities to conduct children's programs and health education programs for the community. We are looking for someone to lead the children's programming. If you're interested in doing so, please contact Maranatha.

## Project Purpose

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

Maranatha's mission statement gives the focus for this mission trip: *"Maranatha spreads the Gospel throughout the world by building people through the construction of urgently needed buildings."*

During this trip we will emphasize how service opportunities shape our values, build our faith, and allow us to be a part of what God is already doing to spread the Gospel in Zambia.

Please take some time to reflect on the reason(s) why you are going on this Maranatha mission trip. How do your purposes match with what you can expect for this project? What adjustments might you need to make?

## Flexibility

"FLEXIBILITY" is the key word in all mission trips. We will create our plan, but we can guarantee that there will be plenty of surprises thrown our way. Our flexibility will 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.

## Accommodations

During the project, volunteers will stay at the Gonde Lodge, just a few blocks away from the new school. The hotel is 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 and private bathrooms for each room. Water temperature ranges from cold to scalding, depending on which room you get. WiFi is available in the reception area, but it is slow and unreliable.

The group will have meals at the conference office kitchen, located on the same property as the new school.

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. 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](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org) or call (916) 774-7700.

On the excursion, volunteers will stay at nicer hotels in Livingstone and Victoria Falls. In Livingstone, the group will stay at the Chrismar hotel. In Victoria Falls, the group will most likely stay at the A'Zambezi River Lodge or the Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel. The exact reservation is still being confirmed.

## Hotel Safety

Maranatha encourages volunteers to take caution when bringing valuables on a mission trip. In the small communities where we work, our group stands out; people see the group using electronics, and it's an easy target for theft. While the hotel in Kabwe is safe, the doors are easy to open, and housekeeping may not always lock the doors while cleaning. If you do choose to bring valuable items with you to Zambia, we'd encourage you to not leave them in your rooms unattended; keep them with you during the day. You can leave small bags in the dining room at the school property during the work day.

## Optional Excursion: Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park: \$830

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. If volunteers would like to extend their trip to see more of Zambia, they can choose to join an optional trip to Victoria Falls and Chobe National park for an additional cost.

On Sunday, the group will head south (about 10 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. 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.

There are a lot of other activities in Victoria Falls including ultralight flights over the falls, lion or cheetah walks, bungee jumping and more. These activities are not included in this excursion and the activity schedule is quite busy, so there is not time for you to do these during the planned days. If you'd like to do anything extra in Victoria Falls you will need to extend your trip on your own.

## Leadership

### **Rebekah Shephard, Project Coordinator**

Rebekah joins the project from northern California. She first became involved with Maranatha when she joined Maranatha's teen project, the Ultimate Workout, at 16 years of age. In 2012, she joined the Maranatha office staff to help plan and coordinate volunteer projects. Rebekah loves providing opportunities for people to grow through service and see life outside their home country. When not on a Maranatha trip she enjoys spending time with family, traveling, and cuddling with her cat, Chester.



### **Mark Jones, Painting Coordinator**

Mark and Vickie Jones reside in Minnesota where they have been happily married for 40 years. They are both self-employed; Mark owns a painting company and Vickie owns a residential cleaning service company. In 2009, they were watching Maranatha's weekly television show, *Maranatha Mission Stories*, and Vickie said, "Let's go on one!" Since then, they've traveled all over the world to serve with Maranatha. In their freetime they enjoy spending time with their four children and six grandchildren, gardening, dog sledding, fishing, snowshoeing, biking, hiking, and woodworking. On this project, Mark will lead the painting efforts at the Kabwe school. They look forward to serving again in Africa, meeting a new set of volunteers and local community members, and seeing how the Lord works.



## We Need Your Help

The team is looking for a head cook and a children's ministry coordinator. If you would be interested in leading out or participating in this, please contact Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

## Expenses

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

The participation fee of \$945 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 \$830 per person is not tax-deductible.

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by September 16 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 Oct 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.



## Facts and Figures

**Capital:** Lusaka

**Population:** 16.45 million

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

**Climate:** Tropical, depending on  
altitude. Rainy season (Oct - April)

**Religion:** Protestant 75%, Roman  
Catholic 20%

**Currency:** Zambian Kwacha



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

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of Lusaka. Those joining the optional excursion will depart 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 private coaster buses, 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, October 24. The group will have a three-hour drive to Kabwe that afternoon.

**Departure (Project Only)** | Please depart from Lusaka, Zambia (LUN), in the afternoon and evening of Sunday, November 3.

**Departure (Optional Excursion)** | Please depart from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (VFA), in the morning or early afternoon of Wednesday, November 6.\*

*\*There may be cheaper flight options that depart 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 October 24 or stay beyond November 6 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](mailto:corporatetravel@ciazumano.com)
- **Butler Travel:** 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at [nathan@butlertravel.com](mailto:nathan@butlertravel.com) or with Ellen at [ellen@butlertravel.com](mailto:ellen@butlertravel.com).
- **Kayak:** [www.kayak.com](http://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 (May 6, 2020). 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](http://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. Those joining just the project, will only need a single-entry visa to Zambia. However, those joining the optional excursion will need entrance into Zambia as well as into Botswana and double-entrance into Zimbabwe. So there are a few options:

1. **KAZA UniVisa - \$50:** This visa is good for multiple entries to Zambia and Zimbabwe and also covers day trips to Botswana. It is by far the best option for those joining the optional excursion 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.

You will need to ask specifically for the Kaza visa. If you don't ask for it, it's likely that they will give you a regular entrance visa. If you've asked for it, double check that the visa says "Kaza" up in the top left-hand corner and that under category it says "UNIVISA." If it doesn't have that information, you have received a regular entrance visa and will have to pay again for entrance into Zimbabwe and Botswana.

2. **Normal Entrance Visas - \$50-\$200 total:** If you're not doing the optional excursion, the best option is to get a Single Entry Visa for Zambia. This visa is \$50, paid in cash. For those on the excursion who couldn't or didn't get the KAZA UniVisa, 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.

**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 <http://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 Rebekah Shephard, 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, typhoid, and an oral anti-malarial medication other than chloroquine.

Malaria is a disease spread by mosquitoes. Mosquitos 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](http://Maranatha.org) or over the phone.

## Contact Information

**Phone:** (916) 774-7700

**Fax:** (916) 774-7701

**Email:** [volunteer@maranatha.org](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org)

**Website:** [www.maranatha.org](http://www.maranatha.org)

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Maranatha Volunteers International  
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