



RATIONALE

Since 2001, Christ's Church has been active in developing relationships with friends and partners ministering in the country of Namibia, located in the southwest corner of the continent of Africa. Over these seven years Christ's Church has sent teams totaling nearly 200 participants on short-term trips to Namibia to come alongside our partners there in their ministry endeavors. The summer of 2008 represents Christ's Church's next step in furthering these relationships.

FOCUS

As always, the focus of this Christ's Church G.O. Team will be relational. We anticipate sending groups of our team members into these potential partnering areas:

- Church Ministry – visitation, education, outreach, service, children
- Community Ministry – labor, community development, education, children
- Bible Education Ministry – bible teaching, small group participation, leadership
- Orphan & Vulnerable Children's Ministry – loving on children, education, service
- Special Education – educational evaluation, teaching, encouragement
- Children's Dance Program – children's dance instruction, performance
- Youth Ministry – outreach, encouragement, mentoring

And to serve alongside these Christ's Church partners:

- Pastor Tresford Banda, Arandis Christian Fellowship, Arandis, Namibia
- Brenda Johnston, Hope's Promise Orphan Ministry, Arandis, Namibia
- Dieter & Joan Morsbach, Okahandja, Namibia
- Mike Knight, Distributed Pastor for Christ's Church, Okahandja, Namibia
- Boniface & Saarah Muyenga, Ondangwa, Namibia
- Sylvia Buekes, Hope's Promise Orphan Ministry, Rehoboth, Namibia

PARTICIPANTS

We anticipate fielding a diverse team in 2008 consisting of many first time participants and a number of returning team members; a number of Christ's Church folks and a few from outside the congregation; representatives of different generations and varied skills, talents and passions. With such a team, the experiences offered and the opportunities available will be varied.

Participants should be prepared for the rigors of cross-cultural travel and adaptation, and need to be ready to be 'flexible' with regard to daily schedules and accommodations. They should expect 'bunkhouse' like accommodations in each of our locations requiring each traveler to carry sleeping gear with them to Namibia.

Provisions for meals, showers and laundry will be in place, but travelers should expect the unexpected. Our in-country plans are always subject to change.

EXPERIENCE

In addition to meeting many wonderful people and visiting a number of communities, each offering its own slice of African culture, trip participants may also have opportunities to visit Windhoek, Namibia's capital city, the coastal towns of Swakupmond and Walvis Bay, the sand dunes of the Namib Desert and Etosha, Namibia's wildlife preserve. These things are subject to our developing in-country itinerary, but all participants can count on a rich Namibian experience.

ANTICIPATED COSTS

Our preliminary cost estimate per person is US\$2600 for the entire trip¹. This money will cover all costs associated with the trip itself – airfare, food, accommodations, in-country transportation, insurance and administrative costs. Each trip participant will be responsible for the full amount. Travel participants will need additional money for personal spending only.

NEXT STEPS

Prayerfully consider the possibility of joining the team. Attend our informational meeting. Fill out an application and submit your deposit by the application deadline. Let's go to Africa!

CALENDAR

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| Informational Meeting | Jan. 6, 12:30pm |
| Application & Deposit Due Date (Accounts to \$100) | Feb. 10 |
| All Team Meeting | Feb. TBA |
| Account Payment Due Date (Accounts to \$600) | Mar. 1 |
| All Team Social Event | Mar. TBA |
| Account Payment Due Date (Accounts to \$1100) | Apr. 1 |
| All Team Training | Apr. TBA |
| Account Payment Due Date (Accounts to \$1600) | May 1 |
| All Team Social Event | May TBA |
| Account Payment Due Date (Accounts to \$2100) | Jun. 1 |
| All Team Training | Jun. TBA |
| Account Balance Due Date (Accounts to \$2600) | Jun. 15 |
| iNam: Namibia 2008 | Jun. 30 thru Jul. 17 |

¹ This is a preliminary cost estimate and may be subject to change. A final price will be set once our team roster is complete and our airfare costs can be fixed.