



Mission Teams Handbook



International Mission Teams

Kaniki welcomes mission teams who come to serve and strengthen the ongoing work at the college and surrounding areas. Mission trips are a great way to experience what life on the mission field is like, and has been the launching-pad for many long term missionaries. Living closely together and serving God in a foreign nation is challenging, but gives you a unique opportunity to grow in faith and discipleship.

Kaniki can comfortably host international teams for 1-4 weeks with a maximum of 13 people. However, if you desire to bring a larger group or come for an extended period of time, please contact us, and we will look at the possibilities of hosting you.

Our Programme

Come With a Team Leader

Teams must come with their own team leader, who works closely with Kaniki staff both in preparation and during the time in Kaniki. The team leader must make sure the team is always on time, prepared to accomplish the tasks given to them, and flexible whenever is needed. It is also the teamleader who are responsible for the well-being of each team member.

Short-term input in a Long-term Vision

We want to make sure teams are making a real impact in the lives and ministries involved with. We do our best to use the gifts and talents of the team strategically, so that their short term impact has effect in the long term vision of the place. While teams are welcome to bring requests of where and how to be involved, we will plan and coordinate the program for each team. We aim to make a balanced program of ministry, social work and practical work, with one full day of rest each week.

The program will also include times of fellowship with staff members, students, volunteers or other missionaries in the area, creating opportunity to learn from each other and get a deeper understanding of the Zambian culture. The primary place of service is at Kaniki, but

we often link with other organisations to give a wider experience of mission.

During their free time, teams are welcome to arrange their own times of worship/prayer, trips to town, invite for a football match, or just chill by the pool side.

For teams coming more than a week, we are happy to help arranging a trip of 3-4 days to Livingstone and Victoria Falls.

Be Flexible!

Though we plan ahead and make a detailed program, expect changes and be flexible! Always be ready to serve and prepared to share a word, your testimony or lead people in prayer, this is Africa, and you might suddenly be asked to share your heart. It can be very helpful to prepare a set of games, a drama skit or bible story, a few songs, as well as your personal testimony, before coming to Kaniki – once you arrive, you always have activities to do spontaneously without much preparation.

Price:

Teams cover all costs for their stay, including, food, transport, flights, travel insurance and injections. Teams do their own shopping for all meals, but we provide a cook to prepare a cooked evening meal.

Accommodation in dorms (1-6 days): \$11 pppn

Accommodation in dorms (7+ days):\$9 pppn

Service fee: \$70

Cook per evening meal: \$6

Accommodation

Our team house accommodates 15 people – 2 dorms of 6 people each, a single room and a double room with shared bathroom. The house has a living room with kitchen and outside veranda. Teams have free use of the pool whenever not occupied by other groups.

Travel Preparations

Teams are responsible for their own travel arrangements including flights, travel insurance and injections.

Flights

Teams need to book their own flights. This is the best way to find cheap flights. The earlier you commit and book your flight, the cheaper.

We suggest you fly KLM/Kenya Airways via Nairobi to Ndola or Ethiopian Airways via Addis Abbaba to Ndola. If you are arriving in Lusaka you need to go by bus or domestic flight to Ndola, since we don't provide transportation to/from Lusaka. Once booked, please send us a copy of your ticket, and we will pick you at the airport in Ndola upon arrival.

DO NOT BOOK your flight before we have approved your application.

Travel Insurance

Teams **MUST** have a travel insurance to cover their full stay with us.

Medical Preparations

We recommend you consult your local health practitioner about your general health before traveling. You will also need to talk to your health practitioner about injections, but Hepatitis A+B and Meningitis (ACWY) vaccinations are the only ones we specifically recommend. For malaria we suggest that you only buy enough malaria medicine for a week before arrival since it's much cheaper to buy malaria medicine in Zambia. Deltaprim is recommended by farmaceut here, doxycycline is also on the market. If you want Malarone as your malaria medicine you need to buy it at home.

Visa

Teams do not have to apply for visa before arrival. They must request for a **BUSINESS** visa at the port of entry. Teams pay for their own permits.

Please visit the website for Zambian Immigration (<http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/index.php?>

option=com_content&view=article&id=49&Itemid=56) for updated application procedure, forms and prices.

Monies

In Ndola you will have easy access to ATM to withdraw money. If you are bringing US dollar to the country (you will need dollars for your visa at port of entry) be aware that they have to be printed in 2006 or later. Banks and bureaus do not accept older dollar notes. Also, you get a better exchange rate with large dollar notes (50 and 100).

Code of Conduct

Lifestyle

It is essential to show patience – even when you don't feel like it! Don't lose your temper and be careful of your language. Never use strong words like 'stupid' or 'idiot' even if you intend it in humour. Such words sound very strong to a Zambian's ear. You have to learn to show long-suffering patience and bear it all with a smile.

Show appreciation! Greet others even when you are just passing. Show respect to others and humble yourself. Do it in your body language as well as in your mind! Be open to advice from people who have lived in a mission environment for a long time and don't be afraid to ask questions.

Cultural differences

There are many differences between Western and Zambian cultures – more than can and will be covered here. It is therefore important that you are willing and ready to submit in those areas where offence can be caused. If you do "wrong" (according to their culture) the Zambians will probably not tell you, as they are so polite.

Relationship between sexes

In general Zambians do not show affection in public and are offended by public demonstrations of it. Single people of the opposite sex should never be seen together alone and never, ever, in each other's rooms. It is best to be in groups.

As a team member you are NOT allowed to enter into any relationship with the locals nor your fellow volunteers/staff/workers. You are here with a totally different objective!

Monies

Be discrete with your money and how you talk about it. Many Zambians will always tend to think that your money is endless. Usually we'll advise that you don't lend money to others; for several reasons: some of them will never be able to pay you back, then you

will be frustrated as well as leaving people in debt. If you want to help in a special need (and most of your fellow workers will have such a special need), seek advice from the office and consider giving some money instead of lending if you are prepared to help. It is okay to say 'no', but don't promise anything – not even a 'maybe'. Be very careful in how and to whom you entrust funds/money. Only a few are able to handle money in the way you expect them to. Again, seek advice from the office. You should never borrow from any of the Zambians.

Alcohol and smoking

It is offensive to the Zambian Church to drink alcohol and smoke. It is therefore requested that any member of staff/volunteers abstain from the use of alcohol – including beer – and tobacco. To some degree, if used with sincere discretions, in fellowships where Zambians are not present and not in public places, alcohol in limited amounts can be allowed.

Dresscode

We don't have a strict dresscode; dress decently and follow a few guidelines. Women are to wear knee-long (or longer) shorts/skirts, and are allowed to wear tanktops. Zambians dress very nicely for church and special occasions, men are wearing long trousers and women longer skirts. Swimwear are only allowed in the pool area.