

S. SUDAN TRIP ESSENTIALS

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PURPOSES OF THE TRIP:

- (1) To partner with African churches to identify needs in S. Sudan, and to network among American Christians in attempting, as servants, to meet those needs
- (2) To encourage racial reconciliation within multi-ethnic teams serving Christ together
- (3) To enable Christians to exercise their gifts in service to Sudanese--serving, rather than observing
- (4) To encourage career missions, particularly among African Americans, as a result of a short-term experience
- (5) To mobilize the African American church for global mission
- (6) To provide medical care, as personnel are available

WHAT RMNI PROVIDES:

- (1) We will attempt to match individual interests and gifting to ministry opportunities in Africa.
- (2) Training
- (3) The services of effective African Christian coordinators and translators
- (4) Fund transfers
- (5) Communication links with the field
- (6) Access to discounted international and to connecting air travel on quality airlines, using our schedule

COSTS:

- (1) The RMNI fee varies by trip destination(s) and length, and *includes*:
 - a. All in-country meals, lodging, and ground transportation.
 - b. Funds to pay for ministry costs (medical ministry supplies would be a mutual project)
 - c. Trip insurance (please ask for details of coverage)
- (2) This fee *excludes*:
 - a. Roundtrip air travel from the USA to S. Sudan from your gateway airport, via Entebbe, Uganda. The fare increases closer to departure.
 - b. Outfitting costs, immunizations, passport cost (if needed), and any travel expenses to and from the US and S. Sudan. Other fees that *may* be charged by S. Sudan are excluded.
 - c. Visa costs (2 Ugandan entry visas and 1 S. Sudan visa)—Ugandan and S. Sudan visas must be obtained before departure from the USA.
 - d. Discretionary funds for personal use—souvenirs, gifts, emergency funds, sightseeing, etc.

SCHEDULING:

- (1) The greater the time interval before your decision to participate and your departure date, the better. Time is needed to make numerous field arrangements, to obtain a first-time passport (allow 3 *months*), get immunizations, and especially to obtain financial support. With churches, months are often required before support is obtained.
- (2) Allow 1 month to obtain immunizations, a doctor's checkup and needed medicines.
- (3) Plan to make a \$500.00 deposit upon acceptance to our Team. **Checks in support of the mission trip should be made payable to RMNI and sent to POB 2537, Chattanooga TN 37409-0537.** When sending funds, please be explicit as to the purpose of the funds (do not designate the recipient on the check—please use a separate note). Such gifts are tax-deductible. If your local church is willing, donors may donate to and be given a tax-deductible receipt by your church, and then the total forwarded on to **RMNI** by your church treasurer. Total funds are due 32 days before departure (we are unable to extend credit).
- (4) Reserve your international airline seat as early as possible, since flights are generally quite full.
- (5) Any cancellation fees incurred by **RMNI** will be passed along to the one canceling.

QUESTIONS?

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