



KIJABE AT A GLANCE

Kenya is affectionately called “the heart of Africa” by her people. As such, it remains a country rich in culture, history and opportunity. In 1963, Kenya gained independence from colonial rule and operates as a democracy. However, like most African nations, Kenya’s struggles related to development, economics and politics did not end when independence was won. Years of oppression under colonial rule have scarred the country and her people. Despite this, Kenya has been a leader in development, in intercontinental relations and in public policy among African nations. Yet, in spite of these gains in development, Kenya’s population lives in extreme poverty and is greatly impacted by life-threatening disease.

IMPORTANT DATES

TOTAL TRIP FEES:
\$1,860 per person*

90 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE
\$200 Non-Refundable Deposit
Registration &
Medical Release Form Due

45 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE
\$1,660.00 Payment Due

*Trip fee does not include
airfare

TRIP FEES INCLUDE

- Meals, lodging, translators, team packs, ground transportation, bottled water, on-site Facilitator and international medical coverage
- Complete trip coordination provided by Forward Edge

TRIP FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare and luggage fees
- A \$50 (USD) Kenyan visa required before departure
- Flights to and from Kenya

MAKING A LONG-TERM IMPACT

In the mountains about 50 km west of Nairobi is an area known as Kijabe. Kijabe means "Place of the Wind" in the Masai language, located on the edge of Great Rift Valley. Due to the staggering amount of orphans in the area, many are without proper access to food, appropriate role models, or simply a safe place to live. For decades, Mama Beth has operated a feeding program for at-risk children in the area, where the children are fed both spiritually and physically. Recently, the need grew for partnership with an organization that could help sustain it. Mama Beth Children’s Program is now a Forward Edge sponsored program. It is our goal to help vulnerable children in order for them to move forward in their lives. Kiambogo Primary School was once abandoned by the government, but our partnership is providing an opportunity to refurbish and restore this local school. Teams will have a unique opportunity to serve through rebuilding the community of Kijabe.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic has left its mark on Kenya as well. In fact, more than a million children have been orphaned because of AIDS in Kenya alone. The opportunities to serve in Kenya are vast, thank you for your interest in partnering with us to address the needs of these communities!



WAYS YOU WILL SERVE

Just outside of Nairobi in Kijabe, Mama Beth Children's Program is feeding and caring for vulnerable children. Our development goal is to provide meals, school fees, books and medical care for children in this area. The majority of these children attend local Kiambogo Primary School. You will work with Jane Wathagana, Mama Beth Children's Program Director, and Kennedy Muniu, FEI Field Coordinator. Serving in Kenya can include meal preparation, reconstruction of the local school as well as visiting children and families in their homes. Some of our teams have served alongside Kijabe Hospital to host a one day medical clinic which benefits the local children and their families. Relational activities such as arts and crafts, music, games, gifts, or sharing your talents are strongly encouraged and can make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.



EXCURSION

One of your highlights while in Kenya will be the team Safari. We will travel to an authentic game reserve to experience one of the most majestic places on earth while viewing animals in their natural habitat. We guarantee you will never forget this part of the trip!



TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

In Nairobi, you will be staying at a guest house called FPFK (Free Pentecostal Fellowship in Kenya). In Kijabe, our accommodations will be at the Moffat College Guesthouse.

PREPARATION:

A current U.S. passport, Kenyan visa, and a yellow fever vaccination card are required for entry into Kenya. Remember that a U.S. passport can take up to three months to receive and a Kenyan visa must be purchased 30 days prior to arriving in Kenya. As soon as Forward Edge receives your completed application, we will send your team pack including a T-shirt, training materials and team member manual.

FOR MORE INFO

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