



Zimbabwe Fact Sheet

Pendleton Christian Church **Student Team**

Information regarding Horizon International Spring Break Team to Zimbabwe

Thank you for your interest in this team. This truly is a big decision and one that has lifelong impact. This fact sheet will give you a little more general info. Once we have received your application and \$500 down payment you will receive a letter of introduction to the team. For the last two years we have been taking teams to Africa to facilitate retreats for teenage orphans and to facilitate a "summer camp" environment for children. Each of our teams is led by 2 - 4 or more, capable, trained and experienced team leaders. Here are a few more specifics about the trip.

- 1. Important dates** The dates of the trip are **Friday, March 26 through Monday, April 5**. There are three team building sessions scheduled. They will be on Saturday mornings from 8:15 to 12:00. The dates are January 23, February 6 and March 6. There will also be a meeting for packing. The deadline for application for the team is January 23. All paperwork accompanied by down payment of \$500 must be turned in to your team leader by this date.
- 2. Preparation** In order to be adequately prepared we ask all team members to participate in a series of 3 Team Building sessions usually scheduled on Saturday mornings. These sessions prepare team members for all the dynamics of traveling cross-culturally with 15 people (some you know some you don't) and give opportunities to prepare for the ministry portion of the trip.
- 3. Travel** We usually fly United Airlines to Washington DC and then South African Airlines to Johannesburg. In Johannesburg we connect on a flight to Harare, Zimbabwe. The flight takes about 24 hours.
- 4. Lodging and hosts** We stay at a 15 acre compound in a wonderful home in an area called Borrowdale. It is a nicer area of Harare. There is an orphanage and preschool on the compound also so frequent contact with the children is always possible.
- 5. Daily Routine** Each day starts with a wonderful breakfast followed by worship and devotions. The teenage orphans will stay with us at the Borrowdale Home during the retreat portion, which lasts about 3 days. We travel to a nearby village for the camp ministry with children. The food is healthy and good. Bottled water is always available
- 6. Medical** Our best advice is for you to contact your medical professional and talk with them about what you need to have as far as immunizations, but there are none required to enter Zimbabwe or to re-enter the US. We highly recommend up to date Tetanus and sometimes malaria protection depending on the season and the weather. The options will be discussed during the team building sessions.
- 7. Documents** You must have a valid passport that does not expire with 6 months of the date of departure and has at least two clean pages for the visa.
- 8. Paperwork** Each team member must submit a GO Team application with a \$500 down payment along with a Medical Release Form and Team Agreement in order to be considered for the team. The trip application also asks for approval from parents for minors to participate on a team.
- 9. Payment** The cost of this trip is estimated at **\$2,795** all of which is due before the team departs. We do have information and materials available to assist you in building a support network which can help you with your faith and your finances.
- 10. Insurance.** Your own health insurance will serve as the primary coverage, but we do provide a secondary Traveler's Insurance which covers many of the international emergencies that normal health insurance doesn't.
- 11. Weather** It is fall in April in Zimbabwe so the mornings are cool and the days can be very warm. It is a very beautiful time of year.

I hope this answers most of your questions. You are welcome to call me anytime. My number is 372-6347