



# South Africa Team Fact Sheet

## Information regarding Horizon International **Spring Break Team** to South Africa

Thank you for your interest in this Student Ministry team. This truly is a big decision and one that has lifelong impact. This fact sheet will give you some 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 South 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, April 2 through Monday, April 12**. There are three team building sessions scheduled. They will be on Saturday mornings at Northview Christian Life Church from 8:15 to 12:00. The dates are January 30, February 13 and 27. There will also be a meeting for packing. The deadline for application for the team is January 24. All paperwork must be 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 to Washington DC and then South African Airlines to Johannesburg. The flight takes about 24 hours. After arriving in Jo Burg we travel by van or bus about 5 hours north to the Province of Limpopo. The nearest large town is called Tzaneen
- 4. Lodging and hosts** We stay at a wonderful hunting lodge on a acre game reserve. It takes about 20 minutes to drive from the main road to our Magnab Lodge. It is not unusual to see giraffe or zebra or other small game during this ride. All bedding and towels etc are provided. Our hosts are a South African couple named Andries and Nellie who serve as the Horizon International regional coordinators for South Africa.
- 5. Daily Routine** Each day starts with a wonderful breakfast followed by worship and devotions. The teenage orphans will stay with us at Magnab Lodge 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 Sometime during the week we will be staying all night at a natural game preserve where we will see many of the animals indigenous to Africa.
- 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 South Africa or to re-enter the US. We highly recommend up to date Tetanus and sometimes malaria protection depending on the season and the weather.
- 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 **\$2,600** 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. Costs could fluctuate depending on exchange rates and final flight costs.
- 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 South Africa 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