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Creating a World of Hope through African Orphans

GO TEAMS
First Christian Church
to South Africa
July 5-15, 2018
Trip Code #18009

This fact sheet will give you some general information. Once we have received your application and \$500 down payment, you will receive a letter of introduction to the team that will contain more details and a trip itinerary. The scope of this trip is VBS Adventure Camp.

❖ **Important Dates:** The dates of the trip are Thursday, July 5 through Sunday, July 15, 2018. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2018. The application process, which includes application, medical release, and GO Team Agreement, must be completed online by this date. The application must be accompanied by online down payment of \$500.

Because we realize the importance of being able to process the events of your trip after you return home, a date for a debriefing meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 29, 2018. Your team leader will confirm this date or communicate an alternate date with your team.

❖ **Preparation:** In order to be adequately prepared, we ask all team members to participate in a series of mandatory Team Building sessions. These sessions prepare team members for all the dynamics of traveling cross-culturally with 10 - 15 people and give opportunities to prepare for the ministry portion of the trip. These mandatory sessions are June 1-2. There will also be a meeting for packing **TBD**.

❖ **Application:** Each team member must submit an online GO Team application with a \$500 online down payment. The Medical Release form and the Team Agreement form must also be completed in order to be considered for the team. The trip application also asks for approval from parents for minors to participate on a team. All paper work must be filled out online at www.horizonorphans.com/goteams.

❖ **Documents:** You must have a valid passport that does not expire within 30 days of the date of departure and has at least two clean, consecutive pages for the visa. A copy of your passport must accompany your application.

❖ **Payment:** All payments for this trip should be made through the Horizon International. The cost of this trip is estimated at \$3,300, all of which is due before the team departs. The \$500 deposit is due on March 15, and payments of \$900 are due on May 1, \$900 due on June 1, and \$1000 due on June 25. (Please note that the cost could fluctuate slightly depending on currency exchange rates and final flight costs.) When adding funds to your trip, please use the **Trip Code #18009** and include your name in the memo line.

We offer information and materials available to assist you in building a support network. This information can be found on the *Faith and Finances* tab. Any fundraising materials sent out must include the following statement, "This contribution is made with the understanding that Horizon has complete control over the use of these donated funds in compliance with Internal Revenue Service requirements."

❖ **Lodging and Hosts:** We stay at very comfortable Guest Houses, which are secure environments close to our ministry sites. Meals are included with lodging and bottled water is always available. We will be visiting centers in the city of Cape Town, including Kayamandi and Bloekembosch.

❖ **Daily Routine:** Each day starts with a wonderful breakfast followed by worship and devotions. We travel to a nearby village for the camp ministry with children. One day a week is devoted to visiting attractions in the country.

❖ **Medical:** Our best advice is for you to contact your medical professional and talk with them about the vaccinations required for this trip. Oftentimes, vaccinations must be given early enough that our bodies have time to develop protection, or vaccinations may require more than one dose, therefore we strongly recommend seeing your physician as soon as possible.

❖ **Insurance:** Your own health insurance will serve as the primary coverage, but we do provide secondary traveler's Insurance, which covers many of the international emergencies that normal health insurance typically may not. We suggest contacting your insurance company prior to your trip.

❖ **Weather:** In July, it is winter in South Africa, therefore the temperatures are generally in the mid-60s during the day and may drop to the 40's at night.

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Jim and Penny Grant at 765-480-9750.