
PROJECT HOPE MISSIONS TRIP INFORMATION SHEET

I. THE WHEN, HOW MUCH & WHAT

- **June 29-July 9, 2023**
- \$2100* approximate plus immunizations
- **approximate price not Finalized until after airline ticket purchased*
- This trip allows you to be part of unreached or under-reached Muslim people groups and contribute to the 10 year relationship and community development that is changing a village and bringing many to Jesus.

II.WHO ARE OUR ETHIOPIAN PARTNERS FOR THIS TRIP:

- Our Sister Church: Living Word Believers International, Pastor Miskir Abebe Bayou
- Our Project Hope Clinic Manager: Busky Dini

III. HOTEL & FOOD IN DIRE DAWA

- We stay at the Samrat Hotel (international hotel)
- www.samrathoteldire.com
- Eat most meals there – very safe to eat there. They are used to hosting internationals
- Many foods will be familiar (some may be a little different).
- Examples: Rolls, French Fries, Spaghetti, Chicken, etc

IV. DIRE DAWA [THE CITY IN WHICH GENDETESFA IS ON THE OUTSKIRTS]

- City of over 500,000 on the edge of the Ethiopian desert
- Elevation 4,400 above sea level so you must stay hydrated – lots of water!!!
- 99% Muslim Government | ~ 70-80% Muslim pop. | 2.5% Bible Believing Christians
- National language: Amharic | Village languages: Mostly Oromo & Some Somali
- English by some staff at hotel, church staff and a few in the city

V. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Thursday: 10am-ish leave from Dulles
- Friday: 7am-ish in Addis | Dire Dawa 1p | Meet with Clinic Staff
- Saturday: Project Hope Sponsor Kids
- Sunday: Church in morning & night
- Mon – Thur: English Camp & Clinic (8:30a-11:30a) | Lunch 11:30-1:30p
Afternoon: Clinic/Camp/Home Visits
Night: Dinner with different church or clinic leaders
- Friday: Final programs | Shopping at Marketplace
- Saturday: Leave D.D. 1p / Leave Addis 10p
- Sunday: Arrive in Dulles 8a-ish

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VI. TRAVEL

Flights

- We* fly Ethiopian Airlines from Dulles to Addis Abba and then to Dire Dawa
 - **If you want to create your own travel that is possible*
- Day of Departure: Two-hour drive from Richmond to Dulles
- Get to the airport 2.5 hours earlier than flight
- Dulles To Addis | 747 | about 14 hours straight
- From Addis to Dire Dawa | 727 | 50 minutes
- From Dire Dawa airport to hotel: 10 minutes

Travel Needs

- Up to date passport
- Visa (we get ahead of time)
- Yellow Card with your vaccinations
- Covid shot card (see COVID section below if you are not vaccinated)

Time Change

- Ethiopia is 7 hours ahead

Communication Back Home

- Has internet although sometimes limited
- You should be able to email, Intn'l text, Facebook Messenger, or What'sApp

Medications

1. Your prescription meds
2. Malaria Pills - 100 mg Doxycycline / Malarone
3. Cipro 500mg - for traveler's Diarrhea (if needed)
4. Benadryl for any allergy or sleep (if needed)
5. Xanax for sleeplessness and calm stomach (if needed)

COVID

If you are not vaccinated, you have to have a negative covid test accordingly.

- Negative PCR done up to 72 hours or 3 days before departure.
- Negative antigen up to 24 hours before arriving
- If you are not vaccinated, speak to leadership about contingency plan should you test positive while in Ethiopia

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VII. ROLES ON THE TRIP

- 1) Clinic Team – spend time serving with Clinic Staff
 - enjoy supporting them and encouraging them
 - pray with them and work with them
 - get to know the patients and villagers

- 2) English Camp Teachers & Assistants
 - Teachers present to both students and then train village teachers
 - Team members serve as table leaders to help students learn English
 - Incredible opportunity to build friendships and share the love of Jesus

- 3) Business professionals
 - work with our microfinance manager and visit clients

- 4) Prayer & Relationship Team
 - come and connect with our sister church, clinic and the villagers
 - American support and friendship honors this culture and strengths the church

- 5) All roles are provided with translators

VIII. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Nov 20 - \$300-\$500 Down Payment
- Dec – use to ask for Christmas gift donations
- January 31 – have \$1000
- March 28 - \$1500
- June 1 - \$2100 (or final price)

IX. TRIP CONTEXT

Project Hope: Why?

In January 2012, Cornerstone began a dream with our sister church, Living Word Believer's International Church, in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia. **We acted** to create an American non-profit to fund a free-service Christian clinic for the strategic Muslim village of Gendetesfa on the outskirts of that city. The village was the poorest of the poor and had approximately 25,000 Muslims, no church, limited water, and wide-spread leprosy & constant disease. Ironically, the name Gendetesfa means "Village of **Hope**."

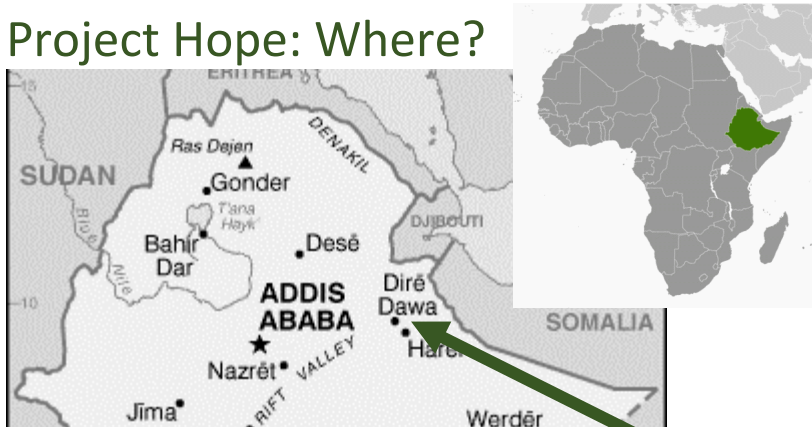
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Our vision is for the clinic to be the gateway for every part of the body of Christ (teachers, businessmen, engineers, moms, medical personnel, athletes, media professionals, etc.) **to actively** love every part of Gendetesfa (health, education, economics, sports, friendship, etc.) so that Jesus Christ may be seen as the true savior and transformer of that village and that witness will become a “sign and a wonder” to the surrounding Muslim world. We do that through: **Health Clinic, Orphan & Needy Childcare, Primary Education, Economic Development.**

Project Hope: What?

Christ’s love **in action** changes things! This Christian clinic is embraced by this all Muslim village. The clinic has seen over 30,000 patients. Infectious disease has gone down 20% since the clinic opened. Active leprosy has been eradicated!!! Better yet, the Gospel has been shared over 5,000 times and over 200 people have accepted Christ! There is now an underground church in the village comprised of converted Muslims!!!! **It costs approximately \$30 per patient visit and approximately \$400 to keep the clinic open for a day. Consider sponsoring a day for the clinic.** The clinic’s annual budget is approximately \$90,000.

Project Hope: Where?



Nation: Ethiopia

- ❖ Third World Nation / Leader of Africa / Stability
- ❖ Roughly: 35% Muslim, 20% Evangelical, 40% Orthodox
- ❖ Very few Orthodox “Christians” are actually saved
- ❖ Surrounded by nations with strong Muslim movements

City: Dire Dawa (deer-a-dow-a)

- ❖ 500,000+ people
- ❖ Total Muslim government
- ❖ 70-80% Muslim
- ❖ 15-25% Ethiopian Orthodox
- ❖ 3% Christian
- ❖ 150+ mosques / 40 churches
- ❖ “Queen City Of The Desert”
- ❖ Mass Public evangelism prohibited
- ❖ 35% Somali Muslim & 35% Oromo Muslim (unreached)

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- v Last stable area for local church before Islamic East
- ❖ 30 miles from the 4th most holy city of Islam, Harrar
- ❖ About 90 miles away from Somalia, Djibouti and Yemen

Village: Gendetesfa (gen-da-tes-fa)

- ❖ 25,000 mostly Muslim people
- ❖ No public church, two mosques
- ❖ Poorest area of Dire Dawa
- ❖ Outskirts of city
- ❖ Plagued with leprosy, disease, poverty
- ❖ \$2/day avg. income & costs \$3.50/day for family of four to eat
- ❖ Many choose between medicines or their daily meal

X. STAY CONNECTED & FOR MORE QUESTIONS

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