

S. SUDAN TRIP ESSENTIALS

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PURPOSES OF THE TRIP:

- (1) To partner with African churches to identify needs in S. Sudan, and to network among American Christians in attempting, as servants, to meet those needs
- (2) To encourage racial reconciliation within multi-ethnic teams serving Christ together
- (3) To enable Christians to exercise their gifts in service to Sudanese--serving, rather than observing
- (4) To encourage career missions, particularly among African Americans, as a result of a short-term experience
- (5) To mobilize the African American church for global mission
- (6) To provide medical care, as personnel are available

WHAT RMNI PROVIDES:

- (1) We attempt to match individual interests and gifting to ministry opportunities in Africa.
- (2) Training
- (3) The services of effective African Christian coordinators and translators
- (4) Fund transfers
- (5) Communication links with the field
- (6) Access to discounted international and to connecting air travel on quality airlines, using our schedule

COSTS:

- (1) The RMNI fee varies by trip destination(s) and length, and *includes*:
 - a. All in-country meals, lodging, and ground transportation.
 - b. Funds to pay for most ministry costs (medical ministry supplies would be a mutual project, as would large seminars).
 - c. Trip insurance (please ask for details of coverage)
- (2) This fee *excludes*:
 - a. Roundtrip air travel from the USA to S. Sudan from your gateway airport. **The fare increases closer to departure.**
 - b. Outfitting costs, immunizations, passport cost (if needed), and any travel expenses to and from the US and S. Sudan.
 - c. Visa cost is currently \$160 for S. Sudan, and there is a \$30 registration fee once we arrive. The visa must be obtained two weeks before departure.
 - d. Discretionary funds for personal use—souvenirs, gifts, emergency funds, sightseeing, etc.

SCHEDULING:

- (1) The greater the time interval before your decision to travel and your departure date, the better. Time is needed to make numerous field arrangements, to obtain a first-time passport (allow *3 months*), get immunizations, and especially to obtain financial support. With churches, months are often required before support is obtained.
- (2) Allow *1 month* to obtain immunizations, a doctor's checkup and needed medicines.
- (3) Plan to make a \$500.00 deposit upon acceptance to our Team. **Checks in support of the mission trip should be made payable to RMNI and sent to POB 2537, Chattanooga TN 37409-0537.** When sending funds, please be explicit as to the purpose of the funds (do not designate the recipient on the check—please use a separate note). Such gifts are tax-deductible. If your local church is willing, donors may donate to and be given a tax-deductible receipt by your church, and then the total forwarded on to RMNI by your church treasurer. Total funds are due 32 days before departure (we are unable to extend credit).
- (4) Reserve your international airline seat as early as possible, since flights are generally quite full.
- (5) Any cancellation fees incurred by **RMNI** will be passed along to the one canceling.

QUESTIONS?

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