

# Renovation Church

## Ethiopia Trip Application

We will be working with international evangelist Sammy Wanyonyi, his team from SHINE ministries, and several dozen Ethiopian pastors **to share the Gospel with as many people in Arba Minch, Ethiopia as possible.**

**WHERE:** Arba Minch, Ethiopia.

**WHEN:** May 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**APPLY BY:** December 10th

**WHAT:** The main focus of this trip is to share the Gospel with as many people as possible through sharing our testimonies in various venues where many, many people who don't know Jesus gather.

We will work with local Ethiopian churches to put on outreaches in outdoor markets and parks with music and dancing. At these sites, you will get to share your testimony (which we will train you to do!).

We will also get to go into the public schools in Ethiopia and share Jesus to literally THOUSANDS of students throughout the week!

At the end of the week, will assist in facilitating a 3-day large scale evangelistic outreach concert where tens of thousands will hear the gospel.

Best of all, anyone that wants to give their life to Jesus is immediately connected with a pastor from their local area so that they can continually be disciplined long after our return to the US!

## Have Questions?

We will be having an Ethiopia interest meeting after each service on **Sunday, December 3rd** in the Parent & Child Room. This is a quick meeting for you to be able to hear more information about the trip and ask any questions you may have. Or you can email your question to [Josh@RenovationChurch.org](mailto:Josh@RenovationChurch.org).

**COST:** The total cost of the trip is \$5,500 - \$6,500. **\*\*depending on airfare.**

Fundraising is an important part of inviting the broader church to be a part of this mission. To help you fundraise some (or all!) of the costs, we will provide you with training on how to write support letters, provide suggestions for who to write to, and more. It is not uncommon for people to raise several thousand dollars through support letters, sometimes covering the entire cost of their trip. God has always provided for His work, so don't let the cost of the trip be an obstacle that stops you from applying!

## **REQUIRED Dates**

The following requirements have been chosen carefully to ensure we build a well-trained team. Your participation in them is crucial for our team to function well in Ethiopia. **All of these dates are mandatory and are not optional.** Please arrange your schedule ahead of time as training for a mission trip is a serious endeavor.

### General Information and Fundraising Meeting

**Sunday, December 17th**

12:30PM – 2:30PM

### Training Days:

**Saturday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - 12:00pm

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm - 3:00pm

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - 12:00pm

### Ethiopia Trip!

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Trip duration may be slightly shorter depending on flight availability.

### Debriefing Day

**Sunday, June 2nd**

1:00pm – 5:00pm

*\*Note: If you already have a previous commitment on one of these days, please let Pastor Josh know DURING the application process. Otherwise, plan on being at every one of these meetings. Thanks!*

# Application

Please turn in the following items to the Welcome Table in the Church lobby by **SUNDAY, December 10th.**

- This completed application
- Signed liability waivers
- Photocopy of the first page of your passport (*if you have it already*)
- \$350 non-refundable\* deposit (make checks out to SHINE)

\* If your application is approved, this will be credited towards the amount of support that you need to raise for the trip. The application deposit is non-refundable, unless your application is not approved. If your application is not approved, your deposit will be refunded.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants must be aware of and agree to abide by these Trip Guidelines:

- You must be at least **18 years old** to apply. If you are 18-20 years old, you must be accompanied by a parent on this trip.
- This is a **tobacco and alcohol-free trip**.
- **Rooming** is still undetermined at this point. There is no guarantee that spouses will be put together.
- You must be an **attender at Renovation Church** to go on this trip
- In order to go on the trip, you must get the proper **immunizations** to travel to Ethiopia. The Covid vaccine is not currently required to enter Ethiopia. Depending on what vaccines you get it may add a substantial cost - call a travel clinic and check with your insurance.
- If you don't already have a **passport** you will need to get one ASAP to ensure it arrives before the trip. Passport fees range from \$135 - \$175, plus additional if a rush is needed.
- While you can potentially earn frequent flyer miles from the flights, we are unable to use previously earned **frequent flyer points** to purchase your tickets.

I understand and agree to abide by these guidelines. (Please Check)

1. Share a brief testimony about how you became a Christian.
2. How do you regularly maintain your relationship with God?
3. Describe briefly 3 important points on your spiritual journey since becoming a Christian.
4. Have you been on a mission trip before? If so, what did God teach you on that trip?

5. List 2-3 people at Renovation (pastor, small group leader, or member) who could serve as a reference for you.

6. How would you explain the gospel to a non-believer?

7. Why do you want to serve on this trip?

**Renovation Church**

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In signing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree not to hold Renovation Church, its officers, employees, or other agents liable for any injury, loss, damage, or accident that I might encounter while on one of Renovation Church's mission trips.

I realize and acknowledge that my participation on a mission trip whether domestic or foreign includes some risks and possible dangers. I am well aware that my travel, particularly to a foreign country, exposes me to such risks as accidents, disease, war, political unrest, injury from construction projects, and other calamities.

I hereby assume any such risks that might result from my travel and I unconditionally agree to hold Renovation Church, its officers, employees, or other agents blameless for any liability concerning my personal health and well-being, or any liability for my personal property that might be lost, damaged, or stolen while on a mission trip.

I understand that Renovation Church does not guarantee financial support for mission trips and that I am responsible for raising or providing funds for my trip expenses.

I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory by the trip leaders that it jeopardizes the success of the trip that my services in connection with that mission trip shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.

I also give Renovation Church permission to use pictures and videos taken on the trip that I might appear in for publicity, etc.

I have carefully read the foregoing and I understand that my signature herein holds Renovation Church, its officers, employees, or other agents harmless for any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity in schedule.

I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and this Liability Waiver is binding on me and my executor, administrators, and heirs.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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