

# MISSION SOUTH AFRICA



## Trip Dates:

April 17 - 29, 2009 – Optical Outreach Trip

July 3 – 15, 2009 – Abōd Construction Trip

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## **What is Mission South Africa?**

Mission South Africa is a chance to serve God and the children and communities of South Africa in partnership with Blessman Ministries, Inc.

## **Where do we go and what do we do?**

Trips to South Africa can include either optical outreach or construction of Abōd units. Following each week-long outreach, teams will have the opportunity to stay on Blessmans' ministry-owned game reserve for relaxation and a photo safari.

The optical outreach trips utilize Blessman Ministries' vision ministry in the public schools of South Africa. No professional training is required; Blessman will train all team members to perform various task in the clinic. The clinics are often held in public schools. Each team member will have the opportunity to sit one-on-one with a child to screen their vision and share the love of Christ.

The Abōd construction trips are a new outreach tool for Blessman Ministries. Each Abōd can be built in a day with four unskilled laborers. The Abōds will be built in Blessmans' orphan care communities.

## **Who can go?**

Anyone with a heart for Jesus and 18 years of age or older.

## **Where do we stay?**

Accommodations vary from trip to trip depending on the outreach location and community resources. You may stay in a hotel or on the floor in a church. Accommodations are coordinated by Blessman staff members in the mission field. They are always safe.

## **What travel documents do I need?**

A U.S. passport is required. Once obtained, your passport is good for 10 years. Cost is \$97. Routine processing takes approximately 6-8 weeks. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for information on how to obtain or renew a passport.

## **What immunizations do I need?**

No immunizations are required for travel to South Africa. However, it is recommended each team member consult their physician about what immunizations he/she recommends for your travels.

## **What is the cost?**

The costs vary depending on airfare and outreach location. Average trips to South Africa with Blessman Ministries cost \$3,500 per person. This includes airfare, meals in country, accommodations, transportation, a portion of the cost of ministry supplies for your outreach and a photo safari. You may want to bring additional money for snacks, meals in the airports and souvenirs.

## **How do I signup?**

Register online at [www.hopewdm.org/missions](http://www.hopewdm.org/missions). Or you can print a registration form online and turn the form into the front office. A \$150.00 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration. Registration forms can also be found at the Mission Center.