



Thailand ~ Team 1910

Eyeglass Clinic & Water

Team Description

DATES: June 23 – July 3, 2019

LOCATION: Bangkok and Chiang Rai, Thailand

ESTIMATED COST: \$5,000 – 6,000 with estimated airfare

COST INCLUDES:

- International Airfare
- Ground Transportation
- Housing
- Meals
- Logistical, & Cultural Training Materials
- Trained Team Leader
- In-country Arrangements and Costs
- Supplemental Health Insurance
- Crisis Management Plan
- Team Medical Bag with Nursing Protocols
- 24/7 On Call Doctor



MATERIALS NEEDED FOR PROJECT:

- Each eyeglass team is asked to collect 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses to help replenish the inventory of eyeglasses we process for each eyeglass team.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Using a very simple testing system created specifically for MOST Ministries, this team will distribute eyeglasses to those in need. During the daily clinics, team members will test and fit patient's eyes with the appropriate corrective lenses. Depending on the number of team members, a team can serve 100-300 people daily.

PROJECT TRAINING:

Training for this team will be provided by a MOST Ministries' Team Leader during one of the team meetings. If team members cannot attend the training session, our project training page will be available to become familiar with the project. A final hands-on training will be provided, once the team arrives on the mission field.

WATER PROJECT

Teams of 8-20 people will transform communities by providing families with a sustainable water purification system, information on how to use the system and the reasons for its use, and a clear culturally-appropriate Gospel presentation. The children's health & hygiene lessons incorporate Bible stories in a fun, VBS-style format.

This is a great long-term project that has the possibility of changing entire communities by providing them with clean water, good health habits and proper sanitation.

ABOUT THE CWEFT:

Founded in 1988, the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation – Thailand (CWEFT) is a non-profit organization established to minister to the needs of underprivileged children and their families throughout

Thailand. CWEFT was fully registered with the Ministry of Interior and Department of Public Welfare in Thailand on October 13, 1988. CWEFT works with communities, schools, and other organizations, including government and non-government agencies to protect, promote and assist children, women, and families in need through its human care and educational projects. CWEFT believes that holistic education can transform hearts and lives.

TENTATIVE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Depart US	Arrive in Thailand	Orientation	Eye-glass	Travel to Chiang Rai	Eye-glass	Eye-glass/Water
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship	Eye-glass	Return to US				

ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

If you will be in Thailand for less than 30 days, a visa is not required. However, your passport must have at least six months' validity remaining.

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES:

Vaccine recommendations are based on the best available risk information. Please note that the level of risk for vaccine-preventable diseases can change at any time.

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
Routine	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, poliovirus vaccine, etc.
Hepatitis A or immune globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection (see map) where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission (see map), especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).
Typhoid	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Southeast Asia, especially if staying with friends or relatives or visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water.
Japanese encephalitis	Recommended if you plan to visit rural farming areas and under special circumstances, such as a known outbreak of Japanese encephalitis, see country-specific information .
Rabies	Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, or hiking. Also recommended for travelers with significant occupational risks (such as veterinarians), for long-term travelers and expatriates living in areas with a significant risk of exposure, and for travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals. Children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals, may receive more severe bites, or may not report bites.

AREAS OF THAILAND WITH MALARIA:

Primarily in provinces that border Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, and Laos and the provinces of Kalasin, Krabi (Plai Phraya district), Nakhon Si Thammarat, Narathiwat, Pattani, Phang Nga (including Phang Nga City),

Rayong, Sakon Nakhon, Songkhla, Surat Thani, and Yala, especially the rural forest and forest fringe areas of these provinces. Rare to few cases in other parts of Thailand, including other parts of Krabi Province and the cities of Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Koh Phangan, Koh Samui, and Phuket. None in the islands of Krabi Province (Koh Phi Phi, Koh Yao Noi, Koh Yao Yai, and Ko Lanta) and Pattaya City.

Estimated relative risk of malaria for US travelers: Low.

Drug resistance⁴: Chloroquine and mefloquine.

Malaria species: *P. falciparum* 50% (up to 75% in some areas), *P. vivax* 50% (up to 60% in some areas), *P. ovale* and *P. knowlesi* rare.

Recommended chemoprophylaxis: Provinces that border Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, and Laos, the provinces of Kalasin, Plai Phraya district of Krabi, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Narathiwat, Pattani, Phang Nga (including Phang Nga City), Rayong, Sakon Nakhon, Songkhla, Surat Thani, and Yala: Atovaquone-proguanil or doxycycline. All other areas of Thailand with malaria including the cities of Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Koh Phangan, Koh Samui, and Phuket: Mosquito avoidance only.

MOST MINISTRIES SHORT TERM TRAVEL INSURANCE:

MH Ross Trip Armor Travel Protection Plan and ACE American Insurance Company (Foreign Liability)

MH Ross Trip Armor Travel Protection Plan provides individuals heading to the mission field protection and assistance in these areas:

Medical Coverages & Services

- Medical expenses ~ accident and sickness
- Accidental death and dismemberment
- Medical emergency family reunion (bedside visit)
- Hospital admission deposit advance
- Foreign medical referral service
- Medical consultation and monitoring service
- Prescription drug replacement service
- Medical assistance:
 - Multi-lingual assistance
 - Emergency medical evacuation
 - Medically necessary repatriation
- Return of mortal remains

Security Assistance Services

- Contingency political evacuation planning
- Political evacuation
- Security crisis center

Travel Assistance Services

- Benefits verification and claims assistance
- Embassy and consular information
- Emergency cash advance
- Emergency family travel arrangement assistance
- Emergency message transmission
- Foreign legal access
- Return of rental vehicle
- Return of traveling companion or dependents
- Translation and interpretation

Liability Coverages-ACE American Insurance

- Foreign liability insurance
- Employer’s liability insurance

See http://www.mostministries.org/team_insurance for additional information.

LOGISTICS:

Electricity	220 Volts at 50 Hertz. (http://electricaloutlet.org/)
Sockets	Different places use different types of wall sockets. Plugs Type A, B, C, F
Currency	http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/
Lodging	The team will stay in a clean, modest hotel.
Meals	Meals will be eaten in restaurants.

WEATHER AVERAGES IN BANGKOK**WEATHER AVERAGES IN CHIANG RAI**

Month	Low (°F)	High (°F)	Month	Low (°F)	High (°F)
January	72	90	January	55	83
February	76	92	February	57	88
March	78	94	March	62	92
April	80	96	April	69	95
May	79	94	May	73	92
June	79	93	June	74	90
July	78	92	July	74	88
August	78	91	August	74	87
September	77	91	September	73	88
October	76	91	October	70	87
November	75	90	November	63	84
December	71	90	December	56	81

FAST FACTS

Population:	68,414,135
Ethnic groups:	Thai 97.5%, Burmese 1.3%, other 1.1%, unspecified <.1% (2015 est.)
Language:	Thai (official) 90.7%, Burmese 1.3%, other 8%
Religion:	Buddhist 94.6%, Muslim 4.3%, Christian 1%, other <.1%, none <.1% (2015 est.)

If you are interested in learning more about Thailand's religious statistics, please visit [Joshua Project](#).

CONTACT / APPLICATION INFORMATION:

MOST Ministries believes that through strategic planning, areas of need are identified and a plan of action is set in place to enable team members to utilize their gifts and talents in meeting those needs. If you are interested in utilizing your gifts in touching the lives of others in Thailand, please contact Kaleigh Bone at (734) 994-7909 ex. 3 or kaleighb@mostministries.org.

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