



Ghana ~ Team 1919

Eyeglasses

Team Description

“Impacting the World for Jesus Christ”

DATES: November, 2019

LOCATION: Various Regions in the West and North

ESTIMATED COST: TBD with estimated airfare

COST INCLUDES:

- Airfare
- Visa
- Ground Transportation
- Housing
- Meals
- Logistical, Spiritual & 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 FOR PROJECT:

- Each eyeglass team is asked to collect 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses to help replenish the inventory of eyeglasses we process for their team.
- Witness materials and eyeglass cases are needed. Directions to make these items are available on our web site at www.mostministries.org.
- Using a very simple testing system created specifically for MOST Ministries, this team will test vision and distribute eyeglasses to those in need. During the daily clinics, team members will test patients' eyes and then fit them with the appropriate corrective lenses. Depending on the number of team members, a team can serve 100-300 people daily.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Eyeglass training is provided by the team leader and is completed in three to four hours during one of the team meetings. If team members cannot attend the meeting, a training CD and manual are provided for individual instruction. When the team arrives on the mission field, a final hands-on training is provided.

In order to minister to the spiritual needs of patients, each eyeglass clinic includes a witnessing station unless it is prohibited by the host country. At the witnessing station, the Gospel message and information about the home church is shared by the local missionaries, national pastors or lay ministers. Team members are always welcome to work at the witness station or to share Christ's love with the patients as they come through the clinic.

CHURCH INFORMATION: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana was established in 1958 by missionaries from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. ELCG (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana) became a partner church of the LCMS in 1971. Currently membership of the ELCG stands at 29,000. Nine missionaries from the LCMS are working alongside local pastors, evangelists, and lay leaders in more than 1,000 congregations and preaching stations.

TENTATIVE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Please note that this is a tentative schedule and will not be finalized until the airlines schedule and field logistics are completed.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Depart	Arrive	Drive to location
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic	Clinic
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Closing with church	Clinic	Tour day	Return to US	Arrive in US		

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your intended date of departure from Ghana.

Visas are required <https://www.ghanaembassydc.org/visas>

Documentation of yellow fever vaccination is required for those over nine months of age upon arrival in Ghana. All visa and work permit (E-Visa and E-permits) applications must be completed via the Government of Uganda’s website. Under the new application process, you must apply online for all immigration services such as visas, permits, and passes at least two weeks prior to travel. The fee for a single entry tourist visa is \$50.

Please visit the US Department of State’s [website](#) for additional information.

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VACCINATIONS:

Before visiting Ghana, you may need to get the following vaccinations and medications for vaccine-preventable diseases and other diseases you might be at risk for at your destination:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/ghana>

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 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.

Typhoid	You can get typhoid through contaminated food or water in Ghana. CDC recommends this vaccine for most travelers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.
Yellow fever	Health recommendation: Yellow fever is a risk in Uganda, so CDC recommends this vaccine for all travelers who are 9 months of age or older. Country entry requirement: Required for arriving travelers from all countries. Also, proof of yellow fever vaccination required of all travelers leaving Uganda. (Updated August 1, 2016) See more information on yellow fever recommendations and requirements.
Malaria	You will need to take prescription medicine before, during, and after your trip to prevent malaria. Your doctor can help you decide which medicine is right for you, and also talk to you about other steps you can take to prevent malaria. See more detailed information about malaria in Ghana .

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

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

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

LOGISTICS:

Lodging	The team will stay in a guesthouse.
Meals	Included and prepared but guesthouse and / or churches.
Electricity / Plugs	Electricity in Ghana is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ. Click here for more information.
Currency Rate Ghanaian Cedi	Click here for the more current exchange rate.

CLIMATE:

Tropical and humid;

Whole country: average low: 20,5C (69F), average high 26C (79F).

Accra: average daily temperature is 30C (86F).

The coolest time of year is between June and September when the main rainfall occurs. Variations in temperature both annually and daily are quite small. The minimum temperature is around 23C (73F). Warm and comparatively dry along southeast coast; hot and humid in southwest; hot and dry in north.

<https://www.worldweatheronline.com/bawku-weather-averages/upper-east/gh.aspx>

SEASONAL WEATHER AVERAGES for Bawku:

Month	High
January	85
February	91
March	95
April	96
May	95
June	92
July	87
August	84
September	84
October	90
November	90
December	87

CULTURE:

There are over 100 ethnic groups living in Ghana. The largest are Akan, Moshi-Dagbani, Ewe, and Ga. The Ashanti tribe of the Akan are the largest tribe and one of the few societies in West Africa where lineage is traced through the mother and maternal ancestors. Once famous for the luxury and wealth of their rulers, they are now more well known for their craft-work such as hand-carved stools, fertility dolls, and ‘kente’ cloth. Kente cloth is made cotton and is woven in bright, narrow strips with complex patterns.

<https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/country-guides/ghana-guide>

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

FAST FACTS:

Population	24,652,402 (July 2012 est.)
Ethnic Groups	Akan 47.5%, Mole-Dagbon 16.6%, Ewe 13.9%, Ga-Dangme 7.4%, Gurma 5.7%, Guan 3.7%, Grusi 2.5%, Mande-Busanga 1.1%, other 1.6% (2010 census)
Religion	Christian 71.2% (Pentecostal/Charismatic 28.3%, Protestant 18.4%, Catholic 13.1%, other 11.4%), Muslim 17.6%, traditional 5.2%, other 0.8%, none 5.2% (2010 census)
Languages	Asante 14.8%, Ewe 12.7%, Fante 9.9%, Boron (Brong) 4.6%, Dagomba 4.3%, Dangme 4.3%, Dagarte (Dagaba) 3.7%, Akyem 3.4%, Ga 3.4%, Akuapem 2.9%, other (includes English (official)) 36.1% (2000 census)

CONTACT / APPLICATION INFORMATION:

MOST Ministries believes that the work of foreign missions must be a direct response to the requests and needs of the mission field. 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 Ghana please contact Sarah DePriest at (734) 994-7909 ext. 3 or sdepriest@mostministries.org.

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