



Ethiopia ~ 1922

Eyeglass Team

Team Description

“Impacting the World for Jesus Christ”

DATES: See [Team Schedule](#) for updates

LOCATION: Multiple locations

ESTIMATED COST: \$4,200-4,400

COST INCLUDES:

- Airfare
- 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 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 their team.
- Witness materials and eyeglass cases are needed. Directions to make the witness materials are available on our [website](#).

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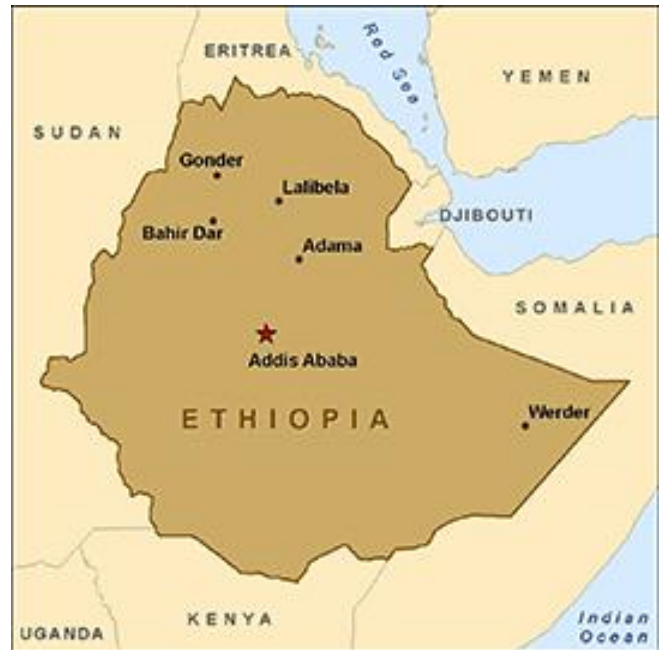
Using a very simple testing system created specifically for MOST Ministries, members of this team will distribute eyeglasses to those in need. During the daily clinics, team members will test patients' eyes and then fit them with the appropriate corrective lenses. Depending on the number of team members,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

Eyeglass training is provided by the team leader and can be completed in 3-4 hours during one of the team meetings. If team members cannot attend the training session, a manual will be provided for individual instruction. A final hands-on training will be provided once the team arrives on the mission field.

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 host 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.

HOST / CHURCH INFORMATION:

This team will specifically be serving the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), the largest and fastest growing Lutheran Church body in the world today. Team members will be working with two deaf schools in the country which serve students from ages 7-22 years old, testing their vision and distributing eyeglasses, working through translators skilled both in English and sign language.



TENTATIVE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Depart	Arrive/Ground Travel
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship	Travel	Clinic	Clinic	Travel	Travel	Clinic
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship	Clinic	Travel	Clinic	Depart	Return	

ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

For entry into Ethiopia, passports must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the team return date to the United States. If this requirement is not met you may be refused re-entry into the country. Please visit the [U.S. Department of State](#) website for additional information.

Ethiopian law requires travelers to have 1 fully blank passport page. The blank pages must be “visa” pages. A tourist visa is required to enter Ethiopia. You can apply for one at the airport upon arrival or online at the [Main Department for Immigration and Nationality Affairs](#). The requirements for the tourist visa can be found [here](#).

VACCINATIONS:

Before visiting Ethiopia, 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:

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	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.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission, 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 Ethiopia, especially if visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas and staying with friends or relatives where exposure might occur through food or water.
Cholera	Recommended for travelers in areas of active cholera transmission, which is assumed to be present in Ethiopia. Cholera is rare in travelers but can be severe. Avoiding unsafe food and water and washing your hands can also prevent cholera.
Meningitis	Recommended for travelers who visit the meningitis belt in Ethiopia during the dry season (Dec-June).
Polio	Recommended for travelers who are working in a health care facility, refugee camp, or humanitarian aid setting. This kind of work might put you in contact with someone with polio.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you were vaccinated against polio as a child but have never had a polio booster dose as an adult, you should get this booster dose. Adults need only one polio booster in their lives. • If you were not completely vaccinated as a child or do not know your vaccination status, talk to your doctor about getting vaccinated.
Rabies	<p>Rabies can be found in dogs, bats, and other mammals in Ethiopia, so it is recommended for the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelers involved in outdoor and other activities (such as camping, hiking, biking, adventure travel, and caving) that put them at risk for animal bites • People who will be working with or around animals (such as veterinarians, wildlife professionals, and researchers) • People who are taking long trips or moving to Ethiopia • Children, because they tend to play with animals, might not report bites, and are more likely to have animal bites on their head and neck
Yellow Fever	<p>For information on recommendations and requirements, see yellow fever recommendations and requirements for Ethiopia. Your doctor can help you decide if this vaccine is right for you based on your travel plans.</p>

AREAS OF ETHIOPIA WITH MALARIA:

Areas with malaria: All areas below 2,500 m (8,202 ft), except none in the city of Addis Ababa (see Map 3-28).

Estimated relative risk of malaria for US travelers: Moderate.

Drug resistance: Chloroquine.

Malaria species: *P. falciparum* 60%–70%, *P. vivax* 30%–40%, *P. malariae* and *P. ovale* rare.

Recommended chemoprophylaxis: Atovaquone-proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine.

Please visit the CDC website [here](#) for more information on Yellow Fever and Malaria.

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 (https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/ethiopia/)
Plugs	Plug type C, E, F, & L (https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/ethiopia/)
Currency	Ethiopian Birr (Currency Converter)
Lodging	Varied Hotels
Meals	Varied

SEASONAL WEATHER AVERAGES FOR ADDIS ABABA:

Month	High	Low	Rain
January	74	49	.77
February	76	51	1.4
March	77	54	2.7
April	78	56	4.1
May	77	56	4.6
June	74	55	5.6
July	70	54	8.7
August	69	54	8.75
September	71	53	5.2
October	74	52	1.5
November	73	49	.68
December	73	48	1.0

([Weather](#))

FAST FACTS:

Population	107,375,000
Ethnic Groups	113
Religion	Christianity (59.7%); Islam (34.5%); Ethnic Religions (5.5%)
Area	426,400 sq. miles
Capital City	Addis Ababa

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

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 people in Ethiopia, please contact Kaleigh Bone at (734) 994-7909 ext. 3 or kaleighb@mostministries.org.

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