



Tanzania Travel Application

October 2009

Family Information

Individual or Head of Family (one application per family)

Mailing Address

Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone

Email

Emergency Contact Relationship

Emergency Contact Phone

Traveling Members Info

Name as it appears on Passport	Birth Date	Relationship	Passport #	Passport Expiration	Worldperks Number

Areas of Interest

<p>Indicate where you could help on the trip.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gift Collections</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nurse</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secretary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photographer/Videographer</p>	<p>What is your experience?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Music Leadership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Construction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical/ HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>For Office Use</p> <hr/> <p>Application</p> <hr/> <p>Deposit</p>
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Financial

- We are able to cover trip related expenses without assistance (\$3800 - \$4000/person).
- Exact cost will be set as final details are arranged.
 - Due to financial reservation commitments, there is a restricted cancellation policy.
 - Payment schedule includes a \$200 nonrefundable deposit; airfare when tickets are booked; balance due 45 days before departure.

1. What led you to consider taking this trip?

2. What life experiences have prepared you for this trip?

3. We go with God's guidance & presence. How do you see this trip impacting your faith journey?

4. Health services are limited in Tanzania. What are your medical issues?

5. Upon returning we need your help to support our partnership by doing things like setting up displays, writing essays or newsletter articles, developing Power Point presentations, DVD editing, organizing gift collections, speaking to groups participating, etc. How do you see yourself using your gifts upon your return?

The information stated on this application is accurate. If accepted I am making a commitment to:

- Participate in pre-trip planning to the best of my ability - this includes attending monthly orientation meetings, learning about the partnership & preparing for my responsibilities while in Tanzania.
- Submit a deposit of \$200/ person by April 1st, 2009 with this application to the Welcome Center (attn: Kirsten Levorson, Tungamalenga Partnership Coordinator).
- Participate in a pre-trip personal interview with the trip leaders & pastoral staff.

Signature _____ Date _____



Karibu! Welcome!

The spiritual adventure of a lifetime....

For 2 weeks this year members of Shepherd of the Valley & members of our sister parish in Tungamalenga will gather to share stories of our lives, our cultures & our common faith. We will work, live & play 'bega kwa bega' (shoulder-to-shoulder) with our brothers & sisters in Christ.

SOTV has a long-standing partnership with the Tungamalenga parish in Tanzania. We invite you to be a part of this vital relationship that enriches each partner congregation in many ways.



As you consider the possibility of traveling to Tanzania to meet these members of our family in Christ, we ask you to please be mindful of a few things:

- 4 This is a mission of the church. As such, the focus of the trip will be upon building relationships with our partners. We will need to be culturally sensitive and aware of the difference between being tourists and guests.
- 4 Traveling to another part of the world is a challenging, exciting experience. Expect to be stretched - you will not have all the comforts of home at your fingertips. However, you will experience the community of Christ in rich and amazing ways that are far more valuable than the small sacrifices you will make.
- 4 Both SOTV & the Tungamalenga parish bring important gifts to this partnership. We work 'bega kwa bega' (shoulder to shoulder) to achieve God's mission in the world. In addition to building relationships, we hope to improve education and health care opportunities with our partners; alongside that we seek to be enriched by the gifts they share with us in many areas such as community building and evangelism.
- 4 All applicants will have an interview with the trip leaders and pastoral staff to discern the applicant's ability to represent SOTV as an ambassador, and to uncover gifts and interests that can be used for the sake of the partnership.
- 4 Our preference is that teens and young adults travel with a parent, but exceptions may be made on an individual basis.
- 4 Our hosts will be very generous in their hospitality. We hope to be hospitable guests who put the needs of others above our own.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this mission for yourself and/or your family!

Pastor Diane Sponheim & Kirsten Levorson,
October 2009 Tanzania Travel Leaders

SOTV – Tungamalenga Partnership

Covenant for Ambassadors

We have been called to travel as ambassadors on behalf of an amazing partnership between Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and the people of Tungamalenga Parish in Tanzania. We will be stretched and we will be blessed by this undertaking!

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- 4 The relationship between SOTV and Tungamalenga is a covenant relationship—we promise to pray for one another, learn about one another, and exchange visits with one another. Monetary gifts are secondary to the relational aspects of our partnership.
- 4 Together, we work 'bega kwa bega' (shoulder to shoulder) to achieve God's mission in the world by building relationships, and working to improve education, health care and economic opportunities with our partners. We may provide advice or ideas, recognizing that we support the strategic plans initiated by our partners.
- 4 Our partnership exists within the boundaries of the larger partnership between the Saint Paul Area Synod and the I ringa Diocese. We seek guidance from Bega Kwa Bega and work within their policies and procedures. We build relationships with diocese personnel and learn about the wider mission of the I ringa Diocese. We remember that we are viewed by our partners as representatives of the larger partnership.
- 4 As our group prepares, travel and partnership leaders will suggest plans for our time in Tanzania, and our hosts will also make plans for our time together. Typically, our hosts plan for us to worship with them, visit preaching points, meet with scholarship students and parents, and learn about their plans for mission. We will be open and flexible to changes in plans, schedules, and priorities as we travel.
- 4 Both SOTV and Tungamalenga parish bring important gifts to this partnership. We seek to name and be enriched by the gifts they share with us, such as community building and fervent witnessing of faith.
- 4 We will travel with others from SOTV on this journey. We will support one another, process our experiences together, and take care of one another.
- 4 To prepare for this journey, we will meet monthly prior to travel.
- 4 Upon our return, we will share our experiences with the congregation.
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Signed _____ Date _____