



Travel Application *Tanzania Summer 2012*

Family Information

Individual or Head of Family:

Mailing Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Emergency Contact:

Relationship:

Emergency Contact Phone:

Traveler Info

Print Name on Passport	Birth Date	Passport #	Passport Expiration	Worldperks Number

Indicate where you/your family could help on the trip.

Areas of Interest

Donations Coordinator

Music Leadership

Treasurer

Education

Nurse

Economic Development

Secretary

Construction

Photographer/Videographer

Other

For Office Use Only

Checklist

Application

Deposit

Financial

We are able to cover trip related expenses without assistance (approximately \$4300/person).

- Exact cost will be set as final details are arranged.
- Due to financial reservation commitments, there is a restricted cancellation policy.



Karibu! Welcome!

Experience a life changing event!

For 2 weeks 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, play, and live '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:

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ All applicants will have an interview with the trip leaders and pastoral staff to discern the applicant's willingness to represent SOTV as an ambassador and to uncover gifts and interests that can be used for the sake of the partnership.
- ▶ Our preference is that teens and young adults travel with a parent, but exceptions may be made on an individual basis.
- ▶ 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!

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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- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Our partnership exists within the boundaries of the larger partnership between the Saint Paul Area Synod and the Iringa 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 Iringa Diocese. We remember that we are viewed by our partners as representatives of the larger partnership.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ To prepare for this journey, we will meet monthly prior to travel.
- ▶ Upon our return, we will share our experiences with the congregation.
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Signed _____ Date _____