

SOUTH AFRICA SA 20 - 04

Friday May 15 – Monday May 25, 2020

Registration: <https://baptistsonmission.org/details?eventid=4431>

Each applicant must create a NCBM Account

Team Name: Mobley (Team Name serves as password to allow registration)

Requirements: Passport. Background check (filled out during registration). Immunizations.

Deadline: Plane tickets to be purchased Mid February to Early March

Approximate Cost: \$1800 plus Construction Materials

North Carolina Baptist Men (NCBM), working in partnership with Door of Hope, will send volunteer mission teams to the South Africa, to assist with construction and maintenance, evangelism, community ministry, church planting, and longer term ministry.

Teams may serve at the Village of Hope or in local villages and towns. Located near Johannesburg, these ministries primarily serve abandoned infants and children, often from the Zulu people. Our **primary focus will be helping build cottages that will house six abandoned children and host parents**. Optional tasks include helping build a church in Emmaus that serves as a hub for a group of five other church plants in the region. Optional days can also be added for a wild game tour (costs will be additional).

Specific ministry tasks will be worked out between the team leader and missionaries on the field and relayed to team members.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Baptists on Mission/ NCBM is partnering with Door of Hope to develop a village that will house abandoned children and infants near Johannesburg, South Africa. Since 1999, Door of Hope has rescued over 1500 abandoned infants with the goal of providing them a temporary Christian home while seeking long term foster care or permanent homes for each one. The number of adoptions has dropped sharply in recent years, meaning there are many older children who need a long-term home.

Participants in this partnership will have the opportunity to build small cottages that will house 6 children along with a host couple. Cottages will be made of interlocking cement blocks that will be made on site, cure for several weeks, be dipped in an adhesive, and then stacked to build the cottages. The process is quite simple and does not require skilled labor. Teams will also have the opportunity to share in worship with a local church.

HISTORY OF DOOR OF HOPE

In Johannesburg at least three babies are abandoned every day. Wrapped in a plastic bag, discarded in garbage cans, thrown in dumpsters, left in public toilets, thrown in rivers, or left in hospitals and parks these children face certain death without immediate intervention. Since its beginning in 1999, Door of Hope has rescued over 1700 infants and has provided temporary Christian homes for abandoned, aborted, abused, and orphaned babies and children. The Door of Hope operates a number of baby homes, not institutions, where babies enjoy the loving care of Christian caregivers and volunteers until arrangements can be made for their adoption. The three Door of Hope Baby Houses can handle up to 80 infants at a time.

TRIP DETAILS

Length of Trip

The basic trip will include a 9 day stay in South Africa: departure from NC on a Friday, arrival in South Africa the next day, worship and orientation on Sunday, work at the Village of Hope near Johannesburg on Monday through Friday, a choice of optional activities on Saturday, worship and departure on Sunday, and arrival in NC on Monday morning.

Trip Cost

Total cost will be dependent on: 1) number of days you are in South Africa 2) the current cost of airfare. Cost per person will be the cost of airfare (presently \$1100-\$1300) + \$55 per person per day for field costs + optional. Field costs include lodging, most meals, in-country transportation, orientation, and insurance. Some personal spending money will be needed for a few meals and souvenirs. Day excursions to a lion park are available at a small additional cost, as are overnight excursions to a game park. On-site coordinators for Door of Hope will communicate these possibilities to teams. Example Cost: \$1300 Airfare + (\$55 per day * 8 days) = ~\$1740 per person. Fundraising will be performed as needed to help offset personal costs. The preference is to have cost of airfare paid by the time tickets are purchased. Airfare is non-refundable once purchased.

Material Costs

Each team should provide the cost of materials for construction projects. Unless otherwise stated, the cost for most construction projects will be a minimum of \$6000 per team (may be less for a small team), with a goal of \$10,000. Cost of each cottage will be \$35,000 - \$40,000 so funding beyond the minimum is very helpful. This amount must be received in our office 30 days prior to your departure date so that job site preparation may begin and materials delivered on-site prior to your arrival. Fundraising will be performed to attempt to cover construction costs.

Teams

Teams should be comprised of no less than 5 members and no more than 20. On-site coordinators will arrange logistics for teams. Housing and food logistics vary based on work location. Some teams may be asked to help with their food preparation. Applicants under 18 years of age need to receive documented parental consent to participate as required by the South African government.

Health

Team members must be in good physical health. Anyone with a chronic medical condition should not volunteer for these projects. Many areas of work will be quite hot and dusty. Volunteers should make sure the following shots are up to date: Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Tdap (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), Flu. Check with your healthcare provider and [cdc.gov/travel](https://www.cdc.gov/travel) for recommendations to the specific country destination.

Travel

All travel will be arranged by the NCBM/Baptists on Mission (BOM) office. Flights will typically be through ATL, JFK, London, Paris, or Amsterdam to JNB. Teams will be picked up at the airport by Door of Hope missionaries and transported 30 minutes to and from the village. Teams will reside in the village during the stay. One excursion day to Johannesburg for dining and shopping is included with transportation provided by Door of Hope. Passport preferred to purchase tickets. If you don't have one, plan to have in hand no later than 4/15/2020 to be safe (6-8 weeks normal processing, 2-3 weeks expedited). Must not expire before November 25, 2020.

Living and Working Conditions

Those participating in this effort must be flexible and willing to work as a member of the team. Travel, living, and working conditions may be difficult at times. The work may be strenuous, and the climate will be different. Once applications and deposits have been received, team members will be given information, which will answer many questions about the trip. Team members should consult the orientation manual, which can be read here, for more information.