



**STUDENT KENYA MISSION TRIP  
APPROX APRIL 6-14 2019 (exact dates TBD)**

**Deadline to turn in Application: December 1<sup>st</sup>**

High school students! Join this team as we travel to Kitale, Kenya and work directly with Agape Children's Ministry, a long standing partner of OCC. Agape works in helping get homeless children off the streets of Kenya (an epidemic that Kenya, along with many other countries experience) and into safe and caring environments. Our main location will be working at Birunda, the main Agape center for their work in Kitale where they house, educate and care-take for former street children. What makes Agape so unique is their reintegration process by not only rescuing children, but also placing them back into homes of their family or natural support through a renowned rehabilitation and reconciliation process. On this trip, we will serve the ongoing projects of Agape Children's Ministry while also visiting and learning from many other OCC ministry partners in the area. We will culminate our trip with a time on safari to learn and appreciate the beauty of Kenya and its people as well as process all that we learn and see.

**MINISTRY PROJECTS**

- **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** The main project we will likely foster is engaging with, planning, and facilitating time with children at the various facilities at our ministry partner at Agape, specifically working at the Birunda facility.
- **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** The team will be engaged in various forms of and learning at OCC's other ministry partners on the ground such as medical centers, youth outreach centers, well projects, agriculture projects, and more. The purpose of these visits will to be a) to gain a better understanding of the cultural and social climate of Kitale and the street children issue and b) to encourage and support our community partners while there.

**ESTIMATED COST: \$3,500 (including airfare, not including a roughly \$50 visa cost)**

A \$500 deposit is due upon accepted application. Applications will be processed within a week of being turned in. A \$1,000 installment will be due on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and final payments are due on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **Trip Fee Includes:**

- International & Domestic Airfare
- Travel Insurance
- Accommodations, Meals, & Water
- Daily Transportation
- Safari experience
- Trip & Project Expenses (such a tips, project supplies, etc)

### **Does Not Include:**

- Passport & Visa Fees
- Immunizations
- Meals in Airport
- Personal Spending Money

## **FUNDRAISING**

We encourage team participants to do personal support raising to pay for the cost of the trip. You will be guided on how to do this in our training meetings, but if you already have some ideas, go ahead and start now!

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & FOOD**

The team will be staying in various accommodation locations. A majority of our time will be in the town of Kitale and staying at Karibuni Lodge—an establishment founded and ran by one of our ministry partners, in fact! Karibuni has been an outpost for ministry and non-profit workers in Kitale for years and is in fact connected to Agape Children's ministry and Street Smart—a local organization working to support street children in Kitale. Karibuni is an amazing location with traditional accommodations here in the US.

When we transfer to our safari experience, we will be staying at a local glamping resort, which is perhaps one of the loveliest experiences out there. Again, these accommodations are quite nice with delicious food, wonderful beds and bathrooms and more.

## **TEAM LEADERS**

**Victoria Falkner-** VictoriaF@occ.org As one of OCC Student Ministries' Pastors, Victoria leads all of SM's missions trips and outreach experiences (local and international). Formerly a social worker for homeless teens and now a Youth Pastor, Victoria's favorite people group are teenagers and is passionate about helping students learn and experience God's calling for them

and how they can serve their community and world. Victoria served as a missionary for a year in Chile, and since has found a passion for missions and travel. A very experienced world traveler, Kenya is Victoria's 30<sup>th</sup> country visited but this trip will mark her second time taking students to Kitale, Kenya!

### **TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 (after service) in the SM room (upstairs hallway, near front of building)

**Apply Now at by requesting an application via email at  
VictoriaF@occ.org**