



Cameroon

Orphanage Project

Dates:

Flexible – teams can discuss potential dates with LHM but best months to travel to Cameroon are November - January. Optimal timeframe is 10 days in country, excluding travel days.

Individual Budget:

Approximately \$565 – This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, translators, and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include visa or international flights and is based on a team of 10 people for 12 days, 10 in country.

Materials for Project:

Project cost -\$5,000. This includes materials for all projects and required tools. The whole volunteer team should provide these costs.



Project

A team is needed to help build and equip a library with shelving, books, DVDs, videos and drawing materials, as well as hold a 3-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the children in the orphanage.

Since 2003, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)-Cameroon has been responsible for the spiritual education of the children in the 'Unique Direct du Cameroun' orphanage in Yaoundé. LHM-Cameroon ministry center staff and volunteers would like to partner with a team of volunteers in further touching the lives of the children they are ministering by providing funds to help feed some of the children for one month, and building a new library in the orphanage. In addition, the team will share with the children through a three-day Vacation Bible School (VBS).

It is important that there is at least one person skilled in carpentry on this team.

Project Location

The team will be based in Yaoundé the capital city of Cameroon and will travel to the orphanage each day, which is on the outskirts of the capital city. Yaoundé was founded in 1888 by German traders as a base for the ivory trade and an agricultural research station. After Germany's defeat in WWI, France became the colonial power in eastern Cameroon, and Yaoundé became the capital of French Cameroon. It has continued as the capital of the Republic of Cameroon until the present day and it boasts some unusual and modern architecture and has a considerably cooler climate than other places in the area.

LHM International Volunteer Trips provide the opportunity to learn through authentic cross-cultural experiences and have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus. If you are interested in touching lives, please call Chris Myers at 314-317-4268 or 1-800-944-3450, ext. 4268; or by email christine.myers@lhm.org.

Sample Itinerary

- Day 1. Arrival and Rest
- Day 2. Orientation, visit project site and planning
- Day 3. Worship and sightseeing
- Day 4. Workday
- Day 5. Workday
- Day 6. Workday
- Day 7. Workday
- Day 8. Workday
- Day 9. Visiting ministry & sightseeing
- Day 10. Worship and free time
- Day 11. Sightseeing
- Day 12. Departure

A detailed itinerary will be customized and provided to you by LHM according to your travel days and team size.

Travel Documentation

- U.S. Passport must be valid 6 months beyond intended stay
- Tickets and Documents for return or onward travel
- International Certificate of Vaccination for Yellow Fever required
- Current immunization records
- Two visa application forms to be completed and signed by the applicant
- 2 Passport-type photographs required
- *Airport Visa's are not available: Obtain your visa before traveling to Cameroon*
- Visa fee-\$141.00-includes \$5.00 processing fee

Americans traveling in Cameroon are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Cameroon.

Visit the Embassy of Cameroon's web site at <http://www.ambacam-usa.org/> for the most current visa information.

**Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon,
1700 Wisconsin Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20007
Tel: (202) 265-8790
Fax: (202) 387-3826**

Airport departure Tax

A departure tax should be included with your flight costs. Please be sure to check this when booking your flights.

Insurance Coverage

Medical evacuation insurance for all team members is mandatory and LHM provide insurance from AIG at the cost of \$3.30 a day. We will provide you with an insurance card with a policy number on it and a contact number in cases of extreme emergency – i.e. something that requires evacuation. The person you talk with will advise you on what to do in those circumstances. For all other claims please pay any bills that you incur and make a claim directly to the insurance company when you return.

Lodging and Meals

The team will be staying at a mid range hotel in Yaoundé and will also eat most of their meals at the hotel. There will be an opportunity to visit local restaurants.



Sightseeing

The team will be offered a choice of sightseeing during orientation in Yaoundé. If the team would like to visit Waza National Park please let us know and we can make arrangements for this (cost is extra).

Budget

Sample budget of **Individual Costs** based on 10 people traveling 12 days, 10 days in country.

	Based on team of 10 people	
Insurance	12 days @ \$3.30	\$39.60
Lodging	9 nights @ \$25 (double occupancy)	\$225.00
Meals	10 days @ \$15	\$150.00
Bottled Water	10 days @ \$5	\$50.00
Transportation	Incl. Gas and driver	\$100.00
Total		\$564.60

You must also budget for your international flights, entry visas, required vaccines (yellow fever and cholera), sightseeing, souvenirs and departure taxes.

The budget is an estimate and your team may choose to eat more or less expensive, which would affect your budget. We tend to try and over budget as much as possible so you do not run short of funds, it never hurts to have some extra funds available. It would also be wise to carry a small amount of additional contingency funds for any medical emergencies that may occur or unexpected costs.

Project Costs

Project costs are \$5,000 which includes wood, tools, and items to stock the library and food for one month for the children at the orphanage. The timeline for payment of both Project Costs and Individual Costs will be provided once specific travel dates are determined. Project Costs must be paid 4 weeks prior to departure and Individual Costs must be paid 2 weeks prior to departure. In some cases, if LHM needs to make hotel or transport reservations, we may ask for partial payments to be made on a different timeline.

Vaccinations

Vaccine recommendations are based on the best available risk information. Please note that the level of risk for vaccine-preventable diseases can change at any time.

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
<u>Routine</u>	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.
<u>Hepatitis A</u> or immune globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection (see map) 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.
<u>Hepatitis B</u>	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission (see map), 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).
<u>Typhoid</u>	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Central Africa, especially if staying with friends or relatives or visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water.

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<u>Polio</u>	Recommended for adult travelers who have received a primary series with either inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV). They should receive another dose of IPV before departure. For adults, available data do not indicate the need for more than a single lifetime booster dose with IPV.
<u>Yellow Fever</u>	Yellow fever vaccination requirement for travelers to Cameroon: Required upon arrival from all countries if traveler is ≥1 year of age. CDC recommendation: For all travelers ≥9 months of age. Vaccination should be given 10 days before travel and at 10 year intervals if there is on-going risk. <u>Find an authorized U.S. yellow fever vaccination clinic.</u>
<u>Meningococcal (meningitis)</u>	Recommended if you plan to visit countries that experience epidemics of meningococcal disease during December through June (<u>see map</u>).
<u>Rabies</u>	Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, or hiking. Also recommended for travelers with significant occupational risks (such as veterinarians), for long-term travelers and expatriates living in areas with a significant risk of exposure, and for travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals. Children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals, may receive more severe bites, or may not report bites.

Malaria

Areas of Cameroon with Malaria: All. If you will be visiting an area of Cameroon with malaria, you will need to discuss with your doctor the best ways for you to avoid getting sick with malaria. Ways to prevent malaria include the following:

- Taking a prescription antimalarial drug
- Using insect repellent and wearing long pants and sleeves to prevent mosquito bites
- Sleeping in air-conditioned or well-screened rooms or using bednets

All of the following antimalarial drugs are equal options for preventing malaria in Cameroon: Atovaquone-proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine. For detailed information about each of these drugs, see [Table 3-11: Drugs used in the prophylaxis of malaria](#). For information that can help you and your doctor decide which of these drugs would be best for you, please see [Choosing a Drug to Prevent Malaria](#). **Note: Chloroquine is NOT an effective antimalarial drug in Cameroon and should not be taken to prevent malaria in this region.**

To find out more information on malaria throughout the world, you can use the [interactive CDC malaria map](#). You can search or browse countries, cities, and place names for more specific malaria risk information and the recommended prevention medicines for that area.

This is based on current information from CDC. Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made.

www.cdc.gov/travel

Forms

Please return all required forms to LHM St. Louis if you have not already done so.

LHM Ministry Center-Cameroon

There is freedom of religion in Cameroon, but radio broadcasts and television airings are limited. Therefore, the most effective method of ministry in Cameroon is a personalized one-on-one approach, which brings staff and volunteers to the front doors of those to whom they are reaching out. Though this method is hampered by an infrastructure with often-impassable roads, it is effective, especially in the northern portion of the country where the influence of Islam is spreading. Many times, Christians in local areas are presenting the Gospel to their neighbors. This has helped the volunteering Christians gain confidence in their abilities and faith. It also adds to a large base of volunteers. Diversity in language is another reason why the door-to-door approach is most effective.



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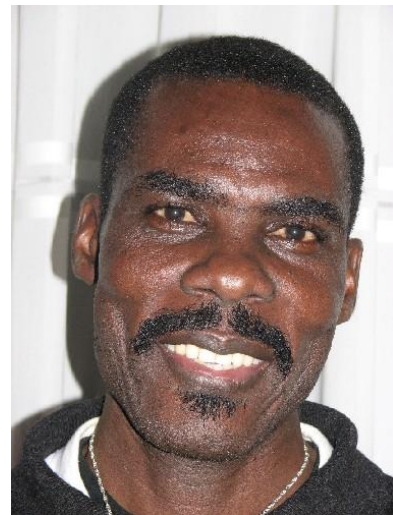
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