

Dear Traveler:

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Congratulations! Enclosed is your information for the upcoming Ethiopia Trek. I'm excited for the adventure that is in store for us, and I believe that God is going to do awesome things through our team to bless Ethiopia.

The following checklist will assist you in preparing for our trek:

- 1) Passport:** You **MUST** have a passport to leave the country and travel overseas. Your passport must have at least **six months validity** from the end of the trek before expiration, and have at least **three blank pages**, not counting the Amendment pages. **If your passport expires on or before January 26, 2009, you must renew it. If your passport does not have three blank pages, you must send it to your local passport agency to add pages.** Passport applications are available at U.S. Post Offices or other federal government offices in smaller communities. **Please fax a readable copy of the page of your passport showing your picture and passport number to Marion Williams at 303-770-2752 or send it in with the other required documents. Thank you!**
- 2) Entry Visas:** You will need a Visa to enter Ethiopia. Please read the attached instructions and fill out the application completely. We will be happy to secure the Visa for you, or you may check the Ethiopian Embassy's website
- 3) Vaccinations:** No vaccinations are required for U.S. citizens. The vaccinations that are strongly recommended are: Tetanus/diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, and Malaria pills. You can obtain travelers' health information on the Internet from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at their website <http://www.cdc.gov/travel> or by calling the Travelers' Health Hotline at 877-FYI-TRIP. Please also feel free to consult with your local physician.
- 4) Personal Information Sheet:** Enclosed is a personal information sheet asking for various types of information. It is important that my staff receives this form from you within **one week of receipt of this letter, so please take the time to complete it and send it back today.**
- 5) Background Check:** Due to the nature of this trek, you will find a background check release form enclosed in your packet. We will be working closely with minors and will require every traveler and staff member 18 years and older to complete, and pass, a background check, before going on this trek. Screen Now will be conducting each background check, and as a \$5.00 processing fee. Please fill out and sign the enclosed form and mail it, along with \$5.00 and other informational forms enclosed, to my staff for processing.
- 6) 18 Years old and younger:** I am excited to see young people on our Trek to Ethiopia! I know that they will bring fresh life and excitement to our trek. Because this trek will be physically demanding, we will only accept kids that are 13 years old and older. Anyone who is 13-15 years old must be accompanied by a guardian on the Trek and have a signed release form. Anyone who is 16-17 years old must have a signed release form.
- 7) Luggage:** Since this is a trek, you will be expected to carry your luggage with you for the duration of the trek. Please pack only what you can carry. We recommend bringing a backpack that fits comfortably on your hips and waist.

Check-in: Although airlines allow two check-in pieces of luggage, adjustments must be made to accommodate the size of our group. Moving large quantities of luggage delays group departures and arrivals, therefore, **bring only ONE piece of check-in luggage and ONE carry-on bag. NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!** The maximum weight for the check-in luggage is **44 pounds** and must not exceed 62 inches (length + height + width). If your bag is too big or too heavy the airlines will charge a fee of \$135.00 which you will be responsible for.

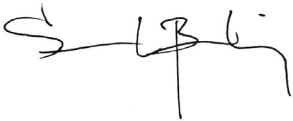
Carry-on: The maximum weight for carry-on luggage is **15 pounds** and it cannot exceed 45 inches (length + height + width). You must be able to handle your own luggage for the entire trek. If both pieces of luggage do not have wheels, you will need a sturdy, lightweight luggage cart. **Toiletries must each be 3.4 ounces or less** (travel-size) and all able to fit in one quart-sized clear plastic zip-lock bag (7.5" x 8").
- 8) Weather:** For the month of July, the average temperature in Ethiopia is between 51 (low) and 73 (high). We will be in Ethiopia during their rainy season, so please pack a raincoat/poncho. Bring clothes that are comfortable, informal and easily managed.

- 9) **Accommodations:** Please keep in mind that this is a mission trip and you will not know all the accommodation details until you arrive. ***Please be prepared to sleep on the floor; you need to bring a sleeping bag (good to 30 degrees) and a pillow.** While there we will be staying at different locations (churches, dorms, apartments, etc.).
- 10) **Extra Money:** It is suggested that you bring approximately \$100-\$150 in small denominations (e.g. four twenties, three tens, two fives, and thirty one-dollar bills also go to the bank and request new money). We will be providing 2 of your 3 meals so you need to be prepared to pay for 1 meal each day.
- 11) **Travel Insurance:** We are providing you with group insurance through Access America Travel Assurance company. This benefit is included in your trek cost and **applies to travelers who have paid in full by June 2, 2008. If not paid in full by then, this insurance offer will be forfeited.** The insurance includes travel accident coverage of \$25,000, emergency medical/dental of \$10,000, and emergency medical transportation of \$10,000 for each individual. Due to policy restrictions, this service is only provided to American residents. **This does not include trek cancellation or lost/damaged luggage insurance.** Additional insurance can be purchased by contacting Access America directly 1-800-654-1908 (U.S.) or 1-800-400-4444 (Worldwide) or www.accessamerica.com.
- 12) **Pay-in-Full date: Please pay the full Ethiopia Trek cost by May 5, 2008 to get the early bird price of \$3500.00 after the 5th the price will increase to \$3995.00!**

Please remain faithful in prayer for our Ethiopia Trek-for the Lord to go ahead of us and open doors for ministry, for favor with the Ethiopians, for lasting fruit from the seeds that are planted, and the smooth fulfillment of all the details involved.

Feel free to call my staff with any questions at **303-689-9348**, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (MST), Monday through Friday.

We are excited about what God will do in Ethiopia!!



P.S. After my staff receives all of your required information, you can expect to receive your final packet approximately one to two weeks before departure, containing your airline ticket(s), luggage tags, your name badge, and other materials. Please don't delay in providing us copies of the required documents (see below for list).

Enclosures:

Personal Info Sheet	×	Pastoral Reference Form – Adults 18 and Older
Trek Manuel	×	Medical Release Form
Travel Schedule for the Trek		Completed Visa Instructions and Application
Prayer Goals		Reply envelope
Ethiopia Information Sheet		

Please return the following to MHM in reply envelope provided within one week of receipt:

- Personal Info Sheet
- X Medical Release Form with attached copy of personal insurance info
- Passport *Note Passport Requirements.
- Completed and sign Visa Application. w/passport photo
- Copy of your domestic flight itinerary to Washington-Dullas. *Not included in tour price.
- Criminal Background Check form
- Check for \$125.00 payable to MHM (\$120.00 for Visa fee and \$5.00 for Background check fee)

Please Note: If required documents are not received in a timely manner, receipt of your final packet will be delayed.