

DRAFT Celebration UNITED Ghana Mission Trip Fact Sheet 2025

Ghana Missions – July 10 – 23, 2025

Where's Ghana? In West Africa

What's the Purpose/Agenda for the Mission Trip? To build closer ties and partnerships between the Celebration UNITED congregations and the church and ministry in Ghana (under the leadership of Bishop Joseph Quainoo). The overall purpose of the mission effort established by Bishop Quainoo is: 1. Church Planting & raising up Leaders/pastors for the young assemblies; 2. Anyii Bible Translation (ABT); and 3. Education Missions & 4. Medical Missions. The goal of the mission trip is to support this effort, worship and pray with the Church in Ghana, and reach out to the people in their communities. The mission trip may include Leadership Training; conducting a medical clinic; distribution of clothes and food or other evangelistic/outreach efforts; preaching the gospel; teaching; children ministry (e.g VBS); and construction work on needed enhancements for Church buildings in Enchi, New Yakasi & Sewum. The building at Enchi will serve as the Headquarters in Anyii.

What Is Covered By The \$4,000 for This Trip? *\$100 deposit, Flight, Lodging, Ground Transportation, Food (Breakfast and Dinner). All bottled water to be used in Drinking & or brushing teeth/dental hygiene.*

Immunization and Traveler's Insurance are not included and should be paid directly to the service provider by the traveler. (For example, each traveler should secure immunization from his/her healthcare provider)

Note: You are responsible for raising the funds to attend this Missions Trip. It is MANDATORY that we travel together.

A **sponsorship form** is available to enable you to be sponsored by individuals or businesses. *Some people attending a Mission Trip have had their entire trip financially covered through their own efforts in obtaining sponsorships.*

Will There Be Any other Expenses? You will be responsible for *costs associated with immunization, traveler's insurance, offerings (e.g. Church services), personal souvenirs, personal supplies, acquisition of passport & visa, any personal medication or supplies*, etc. These expenses are not included in the cost.

*Please note – two meals a day are covered in the \$4000 fee. You will be provided with breakfast and dinner. Snacks will be provided during the lunch period. If you prefer a full lunch, be prepared to purchase lunch. There are organizational reasons for the meal schedule. Meal preparation requires significant time. We can assure that you will have wholesome, plentiful meals and snacks and/or an opportunity to personally purchase additional food items.

Where can I obtain Travel Insurance? We require the travel insurance basic 1 trip plan of \$29 (Faith Ventures) to be purchased through Brotherhood Mutual. You can purchase this insurance by going to the website of faithventures.com or call at 1-800-876-4994. Trip cancellation/interruption coverage is offered as an optional additional coverage. The additional premium cost for this coverage is 4% of your non-refundable trip cost. For example, if you choose to insure \$1000 of your trip cost, Trip Cancellation will cost an additional \$40.

Where Will We Lodge? We will be lodging at the "The Centre @Accra" located at New Weija off the Accra-Kasoa Highway. We will provide you with an address that you can use for your visa application... And **Adom Lodge** in Enchi which is located further into the western region. It is one of the larger villages in the region.

Who Is Sponsoring and Planning This Trip? This Missions trip is sponsored by Celebration Church (6080 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045) & Solid Rock Community Church, Kissimmee, Florida in partnership with Ghana Missions of New Covenant Ministries International, Bishop Dr. Joseph Quainoo, Founder & Director.

What If I Don't Speak A Foreign Language? It's O.K. English is the national language in Ghana. There will be translators with the group when local languages are spoken.

How Do I Sign Up? Request and complete application and liability waiver and return, along with your **non-refundable deposit of \$100 by March 31st.**

When and how will I purchase my plane ticket? Because we would like to travel together, we will invite you to purchase your ticket at a designated travel agency. Please follow this guideline:

- 1.) Purchase your ticket from the travel agency that we select to handle all of the flight purchases. We will give you the contact information.
- 2.) The amount of the purchase of your ticket can be deducted from the total cost of the trip which is \$4000.
- 3.) Your ticket should be purchased by **March 31st** (To secure the lowest possible fare)
- 4.) The remaining amount can be paid to Celebration Church
- 5.) If you are a member of Solid Rock Community Church, paid to Solid Rock.
- 6.) If you are not a member of either church, please make your payment to Celebration Church. **FOR ALL PAYMENTS – RATHER BY CHECK, ZELLE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS...PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE GHANA MISSIONS IN THE MARGIN.**
THANK YOU!
- 7.) Celebration Church will disburse the funds for the Ghana Missions trip to New Covenant Ministries International or NCMI. (NCMI is the business office for Ghana Missions).

After purchasing your airline ticket make the remaining payment at any time before the deadline (May 25th) or in three installments:

Installment #1 should be paid by March 23rd

Installment #2 should be paid by April 27th

Installment #3 should be paid by May 25th

Will There Be Any Briefings To Prepare For the Mission Trip? **YES**, places & times to be determined. We will take full advantage of our media resources (tele/Videoconferencing, emails, podcasts, etc.) in order to prepare you for the mission and ministry.

What Are The Details Of My Travel To Ghana? For the **Mission Trip**, we will depart the Regan National Airport (Washington, DC area) on **July 10th** and arrive in Ghana on **July 11th**. We will depart Ghana on Tuesday, July 22nd and arrive at Regan National Airport on .

Do I Need a Passport and Visa? Yes, a passport and visa are needed. We must apply **NOW** to allow ample processing time. You can go to the following website for additional information on how and where to get a passport and the cost: <http://travel.state.gov/passport> . Your local Post-office will likely be able to process your Passport. Processing of your passport varies. (Some post offices require appointments.) The cost for a new passport with fees is \$135 for adult and \$105 for under 16. If you want to expedite the Passport service, it is an additional \$60 in addition to cost for overnight mail service (Approximately \$16). You will need to bring with you your birth certificate, driver's license and social security card. You must also have a picture taken 2x2". You can get your pictures taken at the Post Office, CVS, Walgreen, Wal-Mart, etc. (Price Varies e.g. \$8-\$15). For a **VISA**, you can go to the following website for additional information on how and where to get a Visa and the cost: <https://www.ghanaembassydc.org/visas>. Single entry regular service is \$60 for a visa. Please note that you will need your passport before you can get a visa.

Do I Need Immunization? **Yes.** The following information is from the CDC website: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/clinician/none/ghana> . The following vaccines may be recommended for your travel to Ghana. Discuss with a Travel Clinic or your healthcare provider (e.g. Passport Health--<http://www.passporthealthusa.com/> 888-499-PASS (7277) to determine which vaccines you will need. Immunization is not usually covered under medical insurance. **(This is an additional cost to you)**

- **Vaccinations:** Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Cholera, Yellow Fever (Required), Rabies, Meningitis, Influenza
- Prescription for: Malaria prevention

How Much Luggage Can I Bring? Two pieces of luggage and a carry on is allowed. The (2) pieces of luggage cannot weigh more than 50lbs each. We have "essential supplies" that need to be transported to the mission base. We ask that each traveler reserve at least 1 checked bag in order for these supplies to be brought in. For details on luggage: http://www.delta.com/traveling_checkin/baggage/index.jsp

What Should I Bring Along? It is recommended that you bring along Tylenol, Kaopectate or Imodium, Hydrocortisone cr 1%, Benadryl tabs, Insect repellent 50% (repeel 100 or permethrine to spray on clothing, etc.), sunscreen, flash light, toiletries, disposable face washcloths (will be traveling and may not be able to wash hands), Hand sanitizer, etc. Recommend a money waist pouch to carry passport and monies with you at all times, including tissues. . See Personal Needs List for more details.

What Precautions Should We Take With the Food and Water in Ghana? Avoid eating any uncooked raw food. Avoid drinking the water. Only eat fruit washed and peeled, and only drink bottled water. Bottled water will be provided for you each day during your time in Ghana.

What Type of Clothing Should We Wear? It will be hot, so we should take light clothing. You may want to bring a hat to deflect the sun when outside or traveling.

For Church - Women and Men should wear modest Sunday Church clothes (to Church). When working on construction projects—jeans and hard toe boots. When working in other capacities casual pants and polo shirts are fine. Be careful not to wear precious, expensive jewelry. This can possibly attract the wrong kind of attention.

Should We Prepare A Gift For Persons In Need? Please follow the lead of the Lord. There will be opportunity to give as a group, although you are not required to give during these times.

What gift should we bring? The goal is to *raise \$15,000* to assist with the mission purpose listed above and to support Bishop Quainoo as a missionary on the mission field in Ghana. We are looking for the team as well as others to assist us in raising these funds. See the attached giving form. Thank you.

Who Should I Call Regarding Questions?

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Thank You for your interest in Ghana Missions!

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