Biltmore Church | Missions Madagascar - Tulear Region Trip Information

Trip Dates: September 28th, 2025 - October 11th, 2025

Type: Short-term, International,

Cost: \$3700

Who can Go: College Students, Young Adults, Adults

Trip Spots: 6

Trip Info

Vision:

Join us as we serve alongside IMB Missionaries in the Southwest corner of Madagascar and partner with them in their mission to reach the lost and disciple believers in this region. We will primarily be working in the city of Tulear and surrounding villages. Our emphasis will be on reaching students for Jesus by building relationships and teaching at the local university, as well as an Entrepreneurial Training Center. We will spend time encouraging and discipling members of local and village churches by sharing our personal stories, teaching Bible lessons, and conducting a day long workshop for young married couples.

We believe that one day people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship God around His throne. Madagascar is a former French colony, has a population of approximately 30 million, and is the fourth largest island in the world with a land mass about twice the size of Arizona. The citizens of the sprawling capital city of Antananarivo are educated, speak some French and official Malagasy, and practice traditional European religions. The rural area is mostly inhabited by itinerant farmers that live in villages, speak one of the 18 major dialects, are story tellers, and practice ancestor worship. This has been a main area of focus for IMB missionaries. We pray that as we go to Madagascar, people will have open ears to hear the Gospel and will gain a deeper understanding of the truth found in Jesus.

What's Expected:

As a team member joining our partners in Madagascar, you will play a key role in sharing the Gospel in many different contexts. You will have the opportunity of joining in one-on-one relational ministry, while engaging with people of all ages.

Expectations include:

- Evangelism & Discipleship Part of this trip is evangelizing and discipling adults and students. Be prepared to share the Gospel and your testimony in contexts such as schools, student ministry, churches, and as you explore the city and surrounding villages.
- Maintain flexibility Scheduled activities are subject to change due to various factors so maintaining a spirit of flexibility allows you to be open to any changes God may have for your team.
- Care Serving on a short-term mission trip is a great way to serve and care for our long-term missionaries. Offering to cook a meal, watching their children so they can go out, cleaning, game nights, etc., are all great ways to care for our missionaries on the field.
- Show Up Be present for all pre-trip and post-trip meetings as well as all incountry activities. We want you to make the most of your time as you engage the nations with the hope of the gospel.

Team Meetings (Minimum of 3) and Dates:

- Team Building / Trip Vision Date & Location TBD
- Logistics / Team Building Date & Location TBD
- Evangelism Training / Ministry Prep Date & Location TBD
- Celebration Dinner & Debrief Date & Location TBD

<u>Requirements</u>

- Prerequisites
 - Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally.
 - Must receive the recommended vaccines (listed below).
 - Must complete IMB children's ministry training.
 - Must complete a background check.

- Responsibilities

- Carry yourself at all times as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Engage with people from other cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Comfortability in initiating and facilitating spiritual conversations.
- Committed to hearing from God through his Word on your decision to go on this trip.

- Medications

- **Required:** Yellow Fever vaccine only, if travelling into Kenya
- **Highly Recommended:** Malaria Prophylaxis, Typhoid, & current Tetanus
- Check the <u>CDC</u> website for any other recommended vaccines.

- Visa / Passport

- Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally. Visit <u>travel.state.gov</u> for more information on applying for a passport.
- A visa is required for entry and is not covered by your fundraising cost. You will obtain your visa upon arrival in Madagascar. The cost is \$37 at the Antananarivo airport.