



## SWAZILAND MISSION TRIP – AUGUST 2020

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### 1. What are the Trip Dates and what is the schedule?

Schedule may change but initial plans are:

Friday, August 21, 2020: Depart Phoenix or your home airport in the aft/evening

Sunday, August 23, 2020: Arrive into Johannesburg, then travel to Swaziland – with a stop at a local craft center. Rest and Orientation/prep upon arrival to Swaziland hotel.

Monday-Friday, August 24-28, 2020: Clinic days

Saturday, August 29, 2020: TBD -- travel day or possible local excursion (not Safari) such as candle factory, and/or glass factory enroute Johannesburg for evening flight back to USA

#### 2. What is the trip capacity and do I need any special skills to participate (eg be a Medical Professional)?

Trip Capacity is a maximum of 22 participants; medical and non-medical participants are welcome. While we do need the majority of participants to be in the medical profession, we welcome and rely on non-medical participants also to help with clinic registration, height/weight measurements, vitamin dispensing etc. There is plenty of work to be done and plenty of love needed to be shared with the people we are serving!

#### 3. What is the trip cost and when are payments due?

Estimated Trip cost is \$3,200

Non-refundable Trip Deposit due within two weeks of Application Approval: **\$500**

Payment #1 April 15, 2020: **\$800**

Payment #2 May 15, 2020: **\$800**

Payment #3 June 15, 2020: **\$800**

Payment #4 July 15, 2020: Remaining Balance – tbd closer to that date

If you are falling behind on payments, we will not drop you from the trip until you have missed TWO payment deadlines. The total trip cost must be paid in full by the final payment deadline.

#### 4. What do the trip costs cover?

Includes: Round trip airfare from based on Phoenix as the departing city to Africa, trip insurance, all meals in-country, accommodations and laundry service, local transportation, interpreters (time, lunch and tshirt), clinic supplies/medicines and operations, bottled water for the week, tipping, and local touring. Excludes: Meals in-transit, souvenirs, and elective entertainment.

**5. What are my options for Fundraising?**

CMO's trip information website portal is managed through a site called Managed Missions. Once you establish an account on Managed Missions, you will have access to the Online Fundraising option. You will be able to customize a personal trip webpage that has a URL link you can share with friends and family via email, Facebook and Twitter. Detailed set-up instructions are available on the Public Profile tab of your Managed Missions account.

**6. Are my payments towards my trip tax-deductible? Are donations made on my Trip Page tax deductible for my friends and family?**

Yes! All mission trip money is tax-deductible because payments are made directly to Covenant Medicine Outreach, which is a 501c3 organization. Payments should not be designated/labeled/noted to the participants name. Online contributions are preferred, but checks will be accepted – please mail to: Covenant Medicine Outreach Attn: Amy Stephens, Trip Coordinator 10645 N. Tatum Blvd. Suite 200-181 Phoenix, AZ 85028

**7. What happens if a trip is canceled? What happens if I am no longer able to travel on the mission trip?**

In the event a mission trip is cancelled by Covenant Medicine Outreach, we will work to reschedule the trip. If you are no longer able to travel on a mission trip or decide not to go, any money you or a donor have given cannot be refunded; however, Covenant Medicine Outreach will allow any unspent funds to be used as a credit towards a future trip within a year.

**8. What vaccinations are required?**

Covenant Medicine Outreach does not require proof of immunizations; except we do ask for your tetanus shot to be up-to-date. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)), “You should become familiar with what steps to take and who to contact in case of a medical emergency while you are traveling.” We recommend that 8 weeks before your departure, you consult with your physician, local health department, or the CDC website [www.cdc.gov/travel/](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/) for information required and recommended immunizations for the country where you will be traveling. Some vaccinations require a series of doses spaced weeks apart.

**9. What else do I need to know to preparing for my trip?**

Covenant Medicine Outreach will provide an orientation guide to each participant within a month of the departure date. There will also be information provided about the safety precautions CMO takes and training on our Electronic Medical Record system. Packing guides and other travel tips will be included in the Orientation Guide.

**10. Who do I ask if I have questions?**

Feel free to email CMO Trip Coordinator, Amy Stephens at [tripcoordinator@cm-outreach.org](mailto:tripcoordinator@cm-outreach.org) or call or text Amy at 920-256-9031.