

Accommodation

Pretoria—Guest House

Bulawayo—Local Believers (Pierre en Rentia De Jager)

Msivingo - Morgenster Mission Station (The Murray's to be confirmed)

Who can join?

Any person who shares the vision of the visit and who are willing to share in the discomforts of a journey like this.

Any person with a desire to become a glimmer of hope for others.

Unfortunately no minors.

Interested persons need the consent of their spiritual leader.

What must you bring:

Passport

Personal belongings for the duration of the trip

Vehicle registration documents for owners of vehicles

Small gifts for the hosts

Food for the time in Zimbabwe

Medication if needed. Malaria is a risk in Zimbabwe

Transport

We intend to travel either with two, but with a maximum of three vehicles. This allows a maximum number of 12 people in the group. We are looking for people that are willing to make their vehicles available for the visit. It is preferred to have at least one Double Cab bakkie in the group for the purposes of transporting the food should we need to take our own food, which is most likely at present.

Costs

The aim is to make the visit as affordable and accessible as possible. The costs are not finalized but we estimate it to be between R3500 and R4000 per person depending on the mode of transport. The bulk of the expenses will be travelling costs and toll fees. Other costs that are included is the accommodation in Pretoria for two nights, entrance fee to Matopos National Park, "entrance fee" into Zimbabwe and donations for accommodation for the hosts. A complete breakdown of the costs will be available soon.

Enquiries

Ben Viljoen at 0825523786.

Ben is a resident from Zimbabwe and knows the country and its people very well. He will coordinate the visits in Zimbabwe.

Pierre van Wyk at 0833703592.

Pierre is responsible for the logistics and and prayer support for the trip.

Become a Glimmer of Hope - Visit to Zimbabwe

24 Sept to 2 Oct 2010

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future" Jer 29:11

Background

The current situation in Zimbabwe is well known. There have been positive signs that political factions are finding common ground but this has still to reflect in government policy. The economy is still on its knees with the current Zim Dollar as currency obsolete, and only the Rand and US Dollar accepted. Food and fuel have become more readily available but the majority of people still cannot afford it. Poverty and unemployment are rife and the migration of people in and out of the country continuously, has affected millions of Zimbabweans. Most of them stay in poor circumstances in neighboring countries. This has also affected the church and the growth of the church very negatively. Fortunately the church is for most Zimbabweans, the one thing that they can relate to and that gives them hope, but there are many many more that have given up hope completely.

Aim of the visit is to:

Visit and encourage local believers

Visit community development projects

Gain information about the current situation in the country

Visit Morgenster Mission station

Distribution of evangelism material

Visit Matopos National Park and the Zim Ruins National Monument (Historically the two most spiritually significant places in Zimbabwe)

Compile a guide that can be used for praying for Zim and for future prayer journeys and outreaches.

Itinerary

Fri 24 Sept	Day 1	Port Elizabeth - Pretoria
Sat 25 Sept	Day 2	Pretoria — Bulawayo
Sun 26— Mon 27 Sept	Day 3, 4	Bulawayo Matopos National Park Pierre Du Toit/ Foundation for Farming
Tue 28 Sept	Day 5	Bulawayo—Masvingo Zvishavane Water Project
Wed 29— Thu 30 Sept	Day 6, 7	Masvingo/Morgenster Mission Zimbabwe Ruines
Fri 1 Okt	Day 8	Masvingo—Pretoria
Sat 2 Okt	Day 9	Pretoria—Port Elizabeth
Friday 24 Sept is a Public Holiday. The itinerary is not fixed and might still change.		