



Volunteer Team/Project Application Process

Arranging a Mission Trip to Seed Of Hope

Dear friend of Seed Of Hope,


Thank you for your interest in supporting our work and serving the community of Bhukulwandle, South Africa. We prayerfully seek to ensure the best possible fit between prospective volunteers or teams and the needs of the ministry itself.

This letter outlines the process for applying to visit Seed Of Hope, and will assist us in considering the appropriate project type, trip timing and duration, and team size.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU SHOULD NOT PURCHASE AIRLINE TICKETS OR BEGIN ACTIVELY FUNDRAISING BEFORE RECEIVING A LETTER OF CONFIRMATION FROM SEED OF HOPE.

The application process is as follows:

1. Applicant/team leader requests and receives this letter and accompanying materials.
2. Applicant/team leader submits attached **Volunteer/Team Project Proposal**, explaining planned initial timeframe, team purpose/focus and potential group size (up to 10 members).
3. Seed Of Hope confirms or suggests revision to timeframe or other components of the proposal and sends applicant/team leader the **SOH Individual Volunteer Application Form**, to be completed and submitted (with any supporting documentation required) by each team member for review.
4. Upon receipt of application forms, Seed Of Hope will determine whether the proposed mission trip will proceed as planned.

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5. Upon receiving a **Letter of Confirmation** from Seed Of Hope approving the details of the trip, you may begin making arrangements for fundraising, airline tickets, accommodation, transportation booking, traveler's health insurance, etc.
 6. Once this stage begins, there will be a lot of communication regarding detailed project plans and preparations needed both for the team and on the field at Seed Of Hope. A contact person at Seed Of Hope in South Africa will assist with coordination, and be available for questions via email.

While we do not wish this process to be overly onerous, our goal is that the volunteers and teams that visit Seed Of Hope will be well screened, prepared and find their volunteer experience both worthwhile and well organized. As with any cross-cultural experience, a high degree of flexibility, patience and understanding are essential. By preparing yourself (or your team) to demonstrate these three qualities, you are creating the best conditions for strong relationship-building and meaningful service, wherever you may volunteer internationally.

Please fill out the attached form (**Volunteer/Team Project Proposal**) and return to Seed Of Hope to begin the process.

Thank you once again for your interest in Seed Of Hope. We look forward to working together for the sake of Christ's Kingdom.

Seed Of Hope Community Development





Volunteer/Team Project Proposal

Today's Date: _____

Church/Org. Information: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: (Office) _____

(Fax) _____

Email: (Office) _____

Team Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: (Home) _____

(Work) _____

(Cell) _____

(Fax) _____

Email: _____

Have you previously volunteered at Seed Of Hope? If so, please note date(s) and name of team contact from that group. _____

Proposed mission trip dates (subject to confirmation by Seed Of Hope):

Depart Home for Seed Of Hope: _____ Arrival Home: _____

Dates spent at Seed Of Hope _____

Proposed mission team project/focus for this trip:

The maximum **recommended** team size is **8 people**. Teams larger than 10 people must ask for pre-approval, due to limits on Seed Of Hope's ability to utilize large numbers of volunteers. "Small is beautiful!"

Proposed team size: _____

Types of skills or qualifications for proposed team members: _____

Please return this form to Seed Of Hope. Thank you.