



## Dental/Medical Service Trip

Global Village Ministries (GVM) is a non-profit organization registered in the US, and we would like to invite you to join us on our November 2021 trip to Kenya (Nov 4-15) GVM provides three opportunities for Service Trips three times a year - each is unique and offers you different options. The clinics are provided in areas that don't have much medical or dental care available, or the people in the area cannot afford it. Most of the clinics are done at schools with some being under the trees.

GVM's care is given freely to those who come and are in need. We promote long term projects in the areas we visit – including building projects, and currently we have several ongoing education projects. Our focus is not on how many patients are treated or the number of teeth extracted, but instead on building relationships and reflecting our Maker.

The last few days of each trip are always spent in the Maasai Mara National Reserve, which is probably the most famous and most visited Reserves in Kenya. It offers breathtaking views, an extraordinary density of animals including "the Big Five" (lions, leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhinoceros) and many varieties of plains game. An impressive feature is the annual migration of wildebeests, (over 1.5 million of them migrate), zebras and gazelles from the plains of the Serengeti that cross the Tanzanian border and rivers to reach the Mara's grasslands from late June through early October, tracked by predators: lion, leopard, cheetah, and hyena, and circled by vultures as their journey unfolds. Their dramatic river crossings are a reality for tourists visiting in early July-August. Apart from the seasonal migration, game viewing is excellent year-round. Game includes elephant, black rhino, buffalo, plains zebra, hartebeest and big cats. The rivers are home to hippo and crocodiles. Birds abound with 452 species of birds of which 53 of which are raptors.

While in the Maasai Mara we spend our final weekend of the trip at The Olmalaika Trust Campsite/Guesthouse on Kirok Hill. Hot showers and toilets are available. Because of the location, it is not uncommon to hear hyenas laughing and lions roaring or grunting during the night. Then the last night is always spent in a lodge where you are treated to a little less than 24 hours of relaxation!

Kenya is a warm and inviting country – the people are amazing! When you leave, your heart will always hold a part of Kenya in it. You will have made a difference and your life will be changed

*If at any time you have questions, please feel free to contact me.*

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## **Financial details / Passport Info / Flights / Application Info**

\*Everyone must have a passport – be sure it does NOT expire 6 months from the last day of travel

\*\$1850 for trip covers items such as lodging, transport, food, park fees, medicines, general supplies and more. Please note that this is non-refundable

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

\*Visa Cost – approx. US\$53 – must be obtained PRIOR to traveling to Kenya.

\*Flight(s)

\*Taxi pickups/drop offs if you arrive or depart at a different time than majority of the team

\*Travel/Emergency Insurance (We encourage Flying Doctors Society Emergency Flight Services – we can assist you with information on how to obtain it)

\*Drinks (juice, soda, bottled water) while at hotels

\*Tips/Gratuities

**Tickets:** When looking for the best flights and prices be sure you are arriving in Nairobi (NBO) on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Most fly on Delta/KLM and arrive between 8-10pm. If you land close to that time you would just need to wait till the rest arrive or we can set up a taxi to pick you up which would cost around \$30. If you decide to fly in a day earlier or out a day later because flights are cheaper, we can set up for pick-up or drop-off via a taxi and help you make overnight arrangements.

NOTE: Before you purchase your ticket please contact us so we can double check to make sure times and dates will work.

### **Application ~**

\*\$100 per application is required when you send in your application and it is included as part of the total cost.

\*Mail or scan us a copy of your passport and once you have your evisa please send us a copy of it.

**\* If you are a physician, either medical or dental, you need to mail or scan a copy of:**

A. Copy of passport

B. Passport Picture

C. Certified copies of academics and certificates

D. Evidence of passing councils pre- registration examination/peer review certificate

E. Certificate/License to Practice

F. Certificate of Good Conduct - Police Report

G. Resume / CV

These all need to be in English. Please get them to us as soon as possible.

(NOTE: Kenya requires us to obtain a license for you to provide care while there and requires the above information)

**\*\*“Permission to Treat”** forms for those 17 years of age or younger traveling without parents will need to be signed, notarized and the original copy needs to be mailed to us.

*The following amounts of money for your trip are due by the dates below or sooner and are non-re-fundable*

\$100 is due when application is turned in

\$350 due June 20, 2021

\$450 due July 26, 2021

\$450 due August 30, 2021

\$500 due Sept. 27, 2021

\*If you are staying for the optional trip, those funds need to be in by September 27<sup>th</sup> as well.

## **HOW DO I MAKE PAYMENTS?**

You have options –

### **FIRST OPTION**

A.) Pay via check written to Global Village Ministries. (8712 N Ridge Ave, Berrien Springs MI 49103)

B.) Please write on the memo line the following depending on what month you are coming: *Oct Mission Trip Fund*

**SECOND OPTION** – use this option only if you have no other as PayPal takes a % of what you pay.

A.) Pay via credit on our website via the pay pal link -

### **THIRD OPTION**

A.) Do a bank transfer or international wire. (involves extra bank fees)

## NOVEMBER TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**Nov 4** - Arrive in Nairobi, (NBO) Kenya

\* *Lodging: CORAT Guesthouse*

**Nov 5** – Travel to Tsavo East National Park

*Lodging: Lodge/Hotel*

**Nov 6** – Relax/Enjoy the wildlife @ Tsavo East

\*If you sponsor an elephant at Sheldricks you can visit the Voi Stockade

*Lodging: Lodge/Hotel*

**Nov 7**– Travel to the coast

*Lodging: Sarova Whitesands Resort & Spa*

**Nov 8** – **Clinic**

*Lodging: Sarova Whitesands Resort & Spa*

**Nov 9** – **Clinic**

*Lodging: Sarova Whitesands Resort & Spa*

**Nov 10** – **Clinic**

*Lodging: Sarova Whitesands Resort & Spa*

**Nov 11** – Travel back to Nairobi

\**You have the following options*

- *Riding in the vehicles back (cost included in Service Trip)*

- *Booking a flight from Mombasa to Nairobi (\$) and paying taxi pick up and drop off (\$)*

- *Booking the Train from Mombasa to Nairobi (\$) and paying taxi pick up and drop off (\$)*

*Lodging: CORAT Guesthouse*

**Nov 12** – Travel to the Trust Sekenani, Maasai Mara

*Lodging: The Olmalaika Trust*

**Nov 13** – Game Drive/Picnic in the Maasai Mara

*Lodging: The Olmalaika Trust*

**Nov 14** –Game in the morning/ R&R in the afternoon

*Lodging: Sarova Mara Game Camp*

**Nov 15** - Travel back to Nairobi and fly out

**\*\* Because of COVID we have limited the amount of clinics on this trip and the care will be provided at Sarova the entire time.**

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\*Optional Safari and Mt Kenya climb Nov 16 - 19

Nov 16 – Early morning departure for The Aberdare Country Club

\*Afternoon trip up to THE ARK in the Aberdare National Park

\*or to Mt Kenya

Nov 17– Travel back to the Aberdare Country Club after breakfast

\*Enjoy some R&R

\*Those climbing Mt Kenya would be on the mountain

Nov 18– Enjoy the option of the day at Solio Ranch seeing wildlife or relax at the country club

\*Those climbing Mt Kenya would still be on the mountain

Nov 19 – Everyone would travel back to Nairobi for your flight home.

## **PACKING LIST FOR SERVICE TRIP**

*Please keep in mind you do not HAVE to bring all of this – some are necessary, but many are optional.*

### **Clothing**

Shorts  
Swimsuit  
Scrubs  
Jeans/Long pants  
T-Shirts/Shirts  
Sleeveless shirts  
Turtle neck/warm shirt  
Pj's  
Socks  
Hat/Cap  
Underwear/Bra  
Light weight jacket/hoodie  
Flip flops  
Tennis shoes

### **Bathroom Needs**

Deodorant  
Lotion  
Sun tan lotion  
Chapstick  
Tooth paste  
Tooth brush  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Finger nail clipper  
Tweezers  
Soap  
Razor  
Hand Sanitizer/Hand wipes  
Towel  
Wash cloth  
Hair bands  
Comb/Brush  
Insect Repellent  
Mirror  
Personal hygiene supplies  
Optional meds – Tylenol, Charcoal, Pepto  
Any prescription medicines you might be taking

### **Bedding** – depending on the size of the group

Sleeping bag –  
Pillow  
Twin Sheet (optional)  
Extra pillow case (optional)

### **Personal Items**

Sun glasses  
Camera  
Charger  
Converter/adapter (it is 220 there)  
Extra batteries  
Alarm clock  
Watch  
Flash light (extra batteries)  
Pen  
eVisa  
Passport and Copy of passport  
International Immunization Record if you have one/COVID Immunization Record if you have it  
COVID PCR Test  
E-ticket  
Binoculars  
Water bottle  
Spending money (bills newer than 2012 if bringing US \$)

### **Misc**

Snack food for trip (optional)  
You will be asked to bring some of these items:  
Peanut Butter  
Paper bowls/plates/cups  
Paper lunch bags  
Sandwich bags

\*Scrubs are what most people wear whether we are in clinic or not – they are easy to pack and light weight. You can wear a t-shirt with the scrub bottoms.

## **Information regarding Kenya:**

**Weather:** The temperature can range from the 50's at night to high low 80's during the day. Rain is possible, but most likely it will be sunny with very little humidity. The cool breeze masks the effects of the hot sun, so please bring sunscreen and apply liberally every day.

**BRING SOMETHING WARM** – it can be chilly in the early mornings and evenings in the Mara

**Thieves:** Stealing is common in Kenya. Be careful with your valuables.  
**GVM/African Springs Safaris Ltd cannot be held responsible for them.**

**Camera** – Be sure you bring lots of memory cards, and extra batteries

### **Our Policy on “Giving Items”**

We ask that you not bring items to give away unless they are items/donations for THE OLMALAIKA HOME. So please no candy, no clothing or other item to give away at clinics or in general. We realize this might seem like a very hard policy to understand – but it is important to understand that the communities we work with are not in need of our “western” ways and things for the most part.

Please take the time to read the excerpt below written by Heather Ruiz as she shares about “giving” – we hope it will help you understand Global Village Ministries’ goals and desires as we work in communities in Kenya

*“Cheikh Mohammed, do your friends give you gifts?” I started, breaking off a piece of village bread.*

*“Of course, it’s a friendly thing to do.” He adjusted his posture on the scratchy woven carpet.*

*“Now if I’m coming from America to give you gifts, am I your friend?”*

*His face darkened, and he chewed a great deal before he spoke. “Heather, a donation is a very dangerous thing to give away. Your American world is filled with so many items and material goods, that you might not understand the gravity of handing something for free to someone who has never been handed anything. Do you know what this village means? Generations of desert wanderers, learning and toiling for their bread and meat and homes. We are proud of this; we are empowered, by this. Now, give a village man a handout? You’ve just weakened him. You’ve increased his dependency; diminished his sense of self-esteem. One of the most widely accepted notions is that Westerners are the solution to African problems. This requires portraying us as helpless and endlessly re-circulating images only of abandonment and violence, or innocence and primitivism.”*

*“But poverty and hunger still exist, and our morality moves us to feed and clothe,” I broke into his silence.*

*“You asked me if my friends give me gifts,” he said. “Make sure that you are my friend. Make certain you understand me, first. Learn my strengths, my heart, my efforts. Once we are established in brotherhood, then yes, send me a present, one that won’t hurt me to open.”*

*“You see, Heather,” he set his meat down to look closely at me, “We are not weak. We are not underdeveloped. If you believe we must be helped, look more closely. We are content in our hearts, affectionate to each other, and attentive to our souls. Perhaps the greater need is for us to be helping you.”*

Your heart will be pulled in many directions while you are with us in Kenya. There will be things you will not understand, but we hope that you will feel comfortable enough to come to us and ask questions and that you will have a desire to understand the ways of Kenya and when you leave to go back home our prayer is that you will have a new understanding and appreciation for something that might be very different than what you are accustomed to. We don't just want to provide an experience we want to provide a long-term difference for both you and those in Kenya.

We also want to caution you with the pictures you might want to take. Remember that we want to protect everyone's privacy - put yourself in their shoes.... How would you feel if someone you never had met before (or just met) was constantly taking pictures of you, your children, your home etc.? I am sure you would be very uncomfortable and possibly offended. It is easy to be so amazed by everything - your intentions are good, and you want to share with those back at home, but it is so important to remember that we are working with people just like you and me, with feelings like you and me and how they perceive each of us is extremely important. **Of course, you can take pictures....** all we are requesting is that you ask people before you take them.

Just remember the most important thing you can give in Kenya is your heart and that requires no toys, no candy, no handouts, and no pictures. It's something you just give freely, and you will be amazed at how much you will get in return.

Janet Engle is a practicing Pediatrician in Colorado and one of our main physicians on the trips to Kenya as well as a board member. We have been blessed to have her join us each July in Kenya for the past several years. We feel it is important to share with each of you her experience and we hope it will give you a better understanding of how our program works.

*“Over the past few years I have had the privilege of joining Kim DeWitt and Global Village Ministries on a medical service trip to Kenya. The impact that these trips have had on my family and my practice as a physician have been life changing. I wanted to put together a letter to explain some of the thoughts and philosophies that have come out of these trips. I also want to encourage you to take the time to grow and expand your own knowledge of the world that God has created and the work that He has provided for us.” Global Village Ministries is an organization that provides medical mission trips to remote areas of Kenya. Although the trips are short term, their mission revolves around education and sustained impact rather than simply treating illness and leaving the area. Medical personnel often think about providing medication and seeing as many patients as possible in a short time. We would like everyone to think about ways to have a bigger impact than this. The basic tenant of medicine is to First Do No Harm. This is especially important when we are talking about relatively healthy populations. Although we want to treat illness and the people like to receive medication, we do not want to give drugs that can cause harm. Medications that can cause immunosuppression and medications that can do this in high doses are dangerous as the strong immune system is necessary to live in the conditions in which the Maasai dwell. On this same line, they are antibiotic naive and do not require high doses of medications to treat infection. The last thing we want is to cause antibiotic resistance in communities. Topical medications, ear drops, and eye drops work very well to fight infections here. The desire to see many people to have a true impact during a short-term mission often makes individual patient encounters very superficial. Please take the time to touch every patient, even if you know immediately what is wrong. An exam of everyone that takes the time to walk to clinic is absolutely the most important part. This not only ensures that we do not miss illness, but also lets them know that we care about the whole person. Back pain is likely from a life of hard work but occasionally is a more serious issue. Please touch them and let them know you care. Interactions with families are more important than numbers. While there, we cannot solve every problem. Please take care of things that make a difference. Clean and dress wounds treat ear infections and skin infections. Things like a chronic limp or birth defect that is not life threatening we can take the time to explain in order to assure families that they are doing the right thing and that this is not something they caused - but often we cannot make it go away. Simple things matter. Moisturizing eye drops, wound care, iron supplementation for anemia, and vitamin C for wound healing can make a big difference. Please take the time to explain how a medication is to be used and the reason that it is needed. If nothing is needed, explain how wonderful it is that they are so healthy! Sometimes we have no medication to give because the problem is too serious, or on the other hand, they may not need medication. In this instance take the time to explain things and again let them know you care. "Giving" something is not always the best care, but we can always give of ourselves. Please also use the rest of the team. Sometimes we ask people to do things out of their comfort zone. Everyone should be working together to give the best care. Never hesitate to ask others on the team for advice. Nurses should feel free to get help on any and every patient and the physicians should expect and welcome it. Teamwork is key! I know that you will have an amazing time on this trip! I hope that it will have the same impact on you that it has had on me.”*

Janet Engle, MD Eagle, CO

### **Frequently asked questions:**

**Your folder will be mailed out to you a couple of weeks before you leave and will contain:**

- \*Hotel Info
- \*Entry letters to Kenya for customs
- \*GVM letter for tax deductions
- \*ZAWADI – Journal
- \*Schedule/Room Assignments and more

**What is GVM's website? What is the Olmalaika Trusts website?**

[www.globalvillageministries.org](http://www.globalvillageministries.org) [www.THEOLMALAIKATRUST.org](http://www.THEOLMALAIKATRUST.org)

### **What about safety in Kenya?**

Here are our feelings and thoughts about it ~

Kim has lived in Kenya for over 18 years - as a child for 12 years and as an adult for 10+ years. Over time things have changed in many ways in the country, and her feelings for Kenya, the people and the incredible wildlife have only grown stronger with each year. It breaks her heart to see what the terrorism has done to Kenya and how the media has often been misleading in their presenting of it. One can never deny that Kenya has its problems - yes there are armed robberies, yes there are terrorist attacks, yes there is sickness, yes there are terrible road accidents, yes there is HIV, yes there are home invasions, yes there is drug dealing, yes there is corruption, yes there are murders, and YES we (Kenya) are just the same as the rest of the world.

Do you have those things where you live? Of course - every single one of those things are also in the US and other countries around the world....and remember that the US even had Ebola and Kenya NEVER did. You can get shot in the just going to the mall, sending your children to school can be dangerous and even going to church. NO place or country is immune to violence

It can be very scary going to a new country that you really know nothing about. Your families are nervous and some are really not wanting you to go because of the picture the media puts out there. That is all totally understandable. You hear about different things from the news going on and it can seem like all of Kenya is being attacked or full of terrorists, but it is not. Yes, there are pockets of areas which would probably be known as "hotspots" and those are not areas that tourists visit or hang out in.

Our group will land at the Nairobi airport which is on the outskirts of town and we will go from the airport to the guesthouses where we will stay for the first night - which are about 10 miles from downtown. From there we will never go back into Nairobi (other than when we take the same route we came and take people back to the airport) and on Friday we head into Maasailand. There is probably no place in Kenya safer then where we will be.

Kenya has been very pro-active with COVID 19. It stores, hotels etc your temperature will be taken you will have to sanitize your hands and masks are currently required in public.

With all that being said.... we want to make it clear that we, nor anyone of you can promise complete safety ANY WHERE in the world. As much as we wish we could promise you safety in Kenya we can't. We cannot promise we will not have an accident; we cannot promise that no one will get sick - the only thing we can promise is that we take every safety precaution possible.

We do encourage you to register with your embassy (online) in this country - this is just a normal procedure. Use globalvillageministriesKE@gmail.com and phone (0713 010092) when registering instead of yours that way it is easy for them to contact us here in Kenya .

### **What immunizations do I need? Where should I go to get them?**

There are no immunizations required currently by the Kenyan government if you are coming from the US. If you opt to have immunizations and visit a physician or medical facility to find out what immunization you should take, you will probably be overwhelmed by all the shots/pills they will encourage you to have/take. We always tell everyone they need to pick and choose what they are comfortable with. Some don't get any immunizations, while others get every immunization that was ever invented☺! GVM encourages you to have Hepatitis A, B, Typhoid & and up-to-date Tetanus. You can get these immunizations at your local health department without any MD involved. It's usually the cheapest place to get the shots. For the Malaria meds an MD should be involved to make the appropriate recommendations as to what kind and how long a person should take it. Anti-malaria medicine is somewhat like the flu shot – it does not keep you from getting all the types of malaria but does protect you from many. Some opt to take anti-malaria meds and others don't, it is all up to you.

### **What will I do for drinking water? Do I need a water bottle?**

Bring your own water bottle. We will have large 20-liter containers of drinking water that we carry with us for refills. The water we provide is good drinking water. We do our best to keep from purchasing regular throw away water bottles in order to keep our environment and wildlife safe. When we are at hotels you will need to purchase your own drinks (water, soda, juice) **Keep in mind that PLASTIC BAGS ARE ILLEGAL IN KENYA and beginning June 2020 there is a ban on Single Use Plastics in all Conservation areas.**

**How much spending money do I need & can I use my credit card to shop? Can I use US\$ or other currency at the stores?** You will want to have extra money along to purchase trinkets and curios at the little places we stop at to shop, plus when at hotels/lodges soft drinks, cold bottled waters, juice etc do not come with the lunch or dinner so you will need to pay for you own, plus tips. If you are coming from the US you will want to bring bills that are 2012 or newer to exchange into Kenyan Shillings. You can use credit cards at hotels and some shopping places, but for the most part you will need to exchange your dollars/currency into Kenyan shillings (KSH). This will need to be done at the airport BEFORE exiting.

### **What type of food do you serve?**

If you are on a special diet or have allergies, please let Kim know ahead of time. For the most part at hotels, camps etc it is buffet with many options. ☺ Feel free to bring some snack type foods you like – hide' em in your suitcase... and if you just don't like what is being served.....then you always know where your own personal stash is!

### **Do I need to bring my own toilet paper? Hand sanitizer?**

We supply toilet paper and always have it available on the truck should we need to stop somewhere. However, you might want to bring hand sanitizer and or wipes for your hands. We do supply it in the vehicle though.

### **Is there a way for our family and friends in the US to know where we are and what we are doing?**

Yes, there is, we would encourage them to visit our blog on our website. We try to keep it updated as much as possible and keep facebook updated with pictures etc.

### **How do I get a visa for Kenya? Where do I get the form from?**

You will need to do it online. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time for it to be processed and obtained. Here is the link <https://account.ecitizen.go.ke/visitor-registration> You will first need to create an account

You will want to make a folder on your computer and upload a passport size picture, your ticket and a copy of your passport in color and a letter from us. That way it is all handy to access when needed and helps with the time out issue.

Click **APPLY FOR A SINGLE-ENTRY VISA**

Reason for travel - **TOURISM**

**Should I bring my computer?**

Keep in mind everything you bring is one more thing that you have to worry about and keep safe! Please remember that GVM/African Springs Safaris Ltd and/or The Olmalaika Trust cannot be responsible for any loss or damage.

**What happens if my luggage does not arrive with me?**

This does occasionally happen, so it is best not to have them check your carry on through, just in case your luggage does not arrive with you. It is always wise to pack some basics items in your carry on.

**Can I have an upgraded room?**

There is an extra charge –

**How much luggage can I bring?**

Typically, 2 check thru pieces each. We do as that if you are traveling from the US that you allow us to send much needed supplies to you to pack and bring.

**What if I would like to stay a little longer in Kenya or visit a neighboring country and do a safari?**

We of course have the optional safari that we would love for you to stay and be a part of, but if that is not of interest to you, or you need to shorten the length of time, please let Kim know and she can help you make arrangements. Kim and Kamunge have their own safari company called African Springs Safaris Ltd. [www.africanspringssafaris.com](http://www.africanspringssafaris.com) and the Olmalaika Trust benefits each time you book via them.

**What if there is an emergency? Can someone contact us?**

Kim has her Kenyan cell phone with her almost all the time, with the exception of it needing to be charged as times. If there is an emergency your families in the US can call her at: **011 254 713 010 092**.

**Do I need to bring money for tips on the Service trip?**

We strongly encourage gratuity. Typical tips are as follows: \$1 for the porter that carries your luggage to your room when we are staying at hotels or lodges. We also encourage gratuity for the drivers on the last day of the trip – we collect it and give it out to them. They do a lot of driving and setting up for us~ they are really a huge part of the success of the trip. We usually have two drivers. Those going on the optional trips are encouraged to tip for that trip in addition to the service trip.

**Is there laundry service?**

Yes at hotels

**Will I have a roommate?**

Yes, everyone has a roommate, and at times you might be three or four in a room. If you are on one of our trips where we use our own tents, they only sleep two. If you have a specific person you want to room with, please let us know, otherwise we will do our best to match people up. You might want to bring ear plugs just in case your roommate or the tent next to you contains a snorer or two 😊 Please be considerate of your roommate(s) remember some rise early and others stay up late....

**Will I be traveling alone? How will I connect with the rest of the group?**

Before you book your flights please let us know what you are looking at just in case you have missed something, or the dates/times might not work well. Many connect in Amsterdam – please do not use BA or fly thru London

at this point. If you are flying any other airlines or route, and are not arriving around the same time at the KLM flight does in Nairobi, then we will set up a taxi service to pick you up and bring you out to the guesthouse. You will need to pay the taxi driver yourself, plus tips. The cost is around \$30 per taxi – not per person

### **What happens if I change my mind about coming on the trip after I have paid for it?**

Funds sent in **cannot** be reimbursed. If you opt to change your plans 31 days before the service trip or sooner (this applies to the optional trips funds as well) we can hold what has not already been used for you to use on either of the two up-coming trips. After that it will be used for whatever needs GVM might have. If you change your plans 30 days or less before the service trip your money for BOTH the service trip & optional trip will not be able to be saved for any future trip, and what has not already been paid for will be used for projects or as needed in Kenya.

### **I would like to do fundraising. How can others donate on my behalf? Please share the following options with them.**

#### **FIRST OPTION**

- \*Pay via check written to Global Village Ministries. (8712 N Ridge Ave, Berrien Springs MI 49103)
- \*Please write on the memo line the following depending on what month you are coming:  
*Feb Service Trip Fund, July Service Trip Fund, November Service Trip Fund*

#### **SECOND OPTION**

- \*Pay via credit on our website via the pay pal link
- \*Pay pal takes out 2.2% & US .30 cents to each keep this in mind when using pay pal

**Is the optional trip tax-deductible?** No

### **Can I bring extra things to give away?**

We would love it if you could bring supplies for the OLMALAIKA TRUST and we will be sending out an email with items that we could really use. Other than those supplies we do not encourage “give away” items as want to be respectful of the culture and way of life in Kenya and not encourage our western ways. Please **DO NOT** bring candy or other types of sweets to give away.

### **What type of vehicle will we use?**

We will be using Land Cruiser that are extended and have pop up roofs for better game viewing on safaris.

## **How can I help make a long-term difference? Sponsorship and Donation Opportunities**

**Most donations are tax-deductible and no matter how large or small – they enable lives to be changed. When you give to Global Village Ministries your donations go to cover the following projects. If you would like to give toward a specific project or need, mark it on your donation and we will do our best to be sure it goes for that.**

**THE OLMALAIKA HOME** - provides a safe home for the young girls who have endured trauma in their lives including female genital mutilation and/or child marriage, rape, assault, abandonment etc. The monthly budget for the home is \$3500 which includes: stipends for 14 staff, food, upkeep of the home and general needs & supplies. The home depends totally on donations.

**The Olmalaika Trust Dental Clinic** ~ provides free dental care to all in the area and is staffed by volunteers from around the world. There is always a need for medications, supplies and equipment.

**Girls Education Fund** - provides education for young girls who have endured female genital mutilation and/or child marriage or were at high risk of it. A full year's sponsorship costs \$100 per month, per girl and it covers tuition, room and board if they are secondary school, uniforms, books, school supplies, medical needs, personal needs, transport and personal clothing.

**Medicines/Dental Fund** – if there are extra funds or funds that come in that are specified for this, they are used to purchase much needed medicines, medical/dental equipment and supplies for the clinics that we provide in remote and needy areas of Kenya. Includes parasite medicines.

**Special Projects** - at times we set up special projects for possible field trips for the students, OLMALAIKA TRUST improvement projects.

**Administration Fund** - without people to coordinate and run all the programs above and organize the service trips none of this would happen. We have a HUGE need in the administrative fund. Please please consider helping. Without administration there would be no trips, no home, no girls.

Thank you so much for taking an interest in our work in Kenya and we look forward to sharing this opportunity with you.