

2025 Africa Theological Seminary Vision Trip

Goals

1. Experience the Africa Theological Seminary (ATS) in Kitale, Kenya by:
 - (a) Seeing the Kitale campus
 - (b) Meeting and interacting with students
 - (c) Meeting and interacting with staff and faculty
 - (d) Visiting the churches and ministries of students and graduates
2. Experience missions by:
 - (a) Being on a mission field
 - (b) Living with/in close proximity with missionaries
 - (c) Watching missionaries serve
 - (d) Living cross-culturally
3. Experience Kenya by:
 - (a) Traveling and living in Kenya
 - (b) Seeing and meeting Kenyans

Tentative Itinerary for 2025

Mar 13—Depart Dallas/Fort Worth

Mar 14—Arrive Nairobi

Mar 15—Travel to Kitale

Mar 16—Church

Mar 17 through 21—Visit classes, visit ministries of ATS grads and students, spend time and have tea with students and staff

Mar 22—Graduation

Mar 23—Church and travel back to Nairobi

Mar 24 through 26—Maasi Mara Safari (departing from and returning to Nairobi)

Mar 27—Giraffe Center, Elephant Orphanage, Karen, and depart Nairobi

Mar 28—Arrive Dallas/Fort Worth

Leaders

Paul and Donna Cox—Missionaries serving with ATS

Duane Burton—Pastor of Calvary Chapel Garland (CCG); see more on CCG and Duane under "Cost"

Cost

\$3,500 per person. There is a buffer built into this cost. Any extra funds will be donated to the ministry of ATS.

Calvary Chapel Garland (CCG) is one of Paul and Donna's supporting churches. They are graciously helping with this vision trip. Duane, the pastor at CCG, is co-leading the trip with Paul and Donna. Duane has lots of experience with mission trips and has co-taught with Paul at ATS. In addition, CCG is handling the finances; hence, the trip expense will be paid to CCG. Since the cost of the trip is not a donation to the ministry of CCG, it is not tax-deductible.

Cost includes:

- Round trip international flights from Dallas/Fort Worth to Nairobi, Kenya.
- Travel within Kenya
- Room and board in Kenya
 - Rooms will be simple
 - Filtered/bottled water
 - Three meals per day (most meals will be local food: chicken, eggs, rice, cabbage, tomatoes, bread, etc...)
 - Coffee/tea at breakfast
 - Locally available snacks (fruit, peanuts, cashews, chips, etc...)

Cost does not include:

- Kenya electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
- Food and drinks during the international travel
- Additional beverages (soft drinks, milkshakes, hot chocolate, sparkling water, coffee from Java House—Kenya’s Starbucks, etc...)

Sign-up/Questions

To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Paul and Donna at family@cox-net.com

Deadlines

- January 20, 2025 Register and remit \$1,500.00 non-refundable deposit
- March 1, 2025
 - Apply for Kenya electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
 - Remit remaining \$2,000.00

Training/Orientation

There will be two training/orientation sessions in the Dallas/Fort Worth area a few weeks before departure. The training/orientation sessions will also be available online for those outside of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The training/orientation will include reading material.

Minimum Requirements

- Valid USA passport good through September 2025.
- Valid Kenya electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
- Ability to move yourself, a 50 pound suitcase (with wheels), and a 15 pound carry-on (with wheels) 200 yards over a smooth-even surface in one trip.
- Ability to climb and descend two flights of stairs carrying a 15 pound carry-on.
- Flexible and patient spirit. Things do not always go as planned, especially in Africa.
- Take malaria prophylaxis as prescribed by your doctor.