

Work-Study Safari to Tanzania

July 4 - July 20, 2013



The 2013 work-study safari is coordinated by Tanzania Development Support (TDS), Umoja wa Maendeleo ya Bukawaya (UMABU, a Tanzanian NGO located in Musoma, Tanzania), and the Nyegina Secondary School (Catholic Diocese of Musoma).

PROGRAM DATES: The program will officially begin on July 5, 2013 with arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in Moshi/Arusha, Tanzania. Volunteers MUST depart the US by July 4th in order to arrive in Tanzania by July 5th. The program will end on July 19, 2013 with departure from Musoma to Mwanza airport, and arrival back in the US (or other destination) on Saturday, July 20, 2013.

Volunteers are responsible for making their own air travel arrangements between the US and Kilimanjaro airport (JRO). However, TDS will arrange for volunteers to be met at JRO by TDS representatives for an overnight stay at a hostel in Arusha. There will be a flight the next day (July 6) from JRO to Mwanza. Ground transportation will be provided from Mwanza to Musoma, Tanzania, the site of the 2013 TDS Work-Study Program. Return flight from Mwanza to JRO is included in the TDS program fee.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Kurt Thurmaier is President of Tanzania Development Support, a US 501c3 NGO that raises funds to support development projects in Tanzania. He and his wife Jeanine founded TDS in 2008 after returning from a trip to Tanzania. He co-led the first work-study trip with Jeanine and Dr. Obuya Bagaka in 2009. The 2013 program is the 3rd TDS work-study program and we will begin construction of a library and community resource center in Nyegina Village, Tanzania.



Kurt is Professor and Director of the Division of Public Administration at Northern Illinois University. His research interests include comparative public management and development administration, state and local public budgeting and finance, and intergovernmental relations. He is a member of the NIU African Studies Group and the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies; he previously served on the Latin American Studies, and Russian and East European Studies faculties at the University of Kansas. His career includes four years in the Wisconsin State Budget Office as a budget and management analyst, a Fulbright Scholarship at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, consultant work with Polish local governments through the International City/County Management Association, and consultant work on US city-county consolidation efforts. In addition to numerous articles, his books include *Policy and Politics in State Budgeting*, *Case Studies of City-County Consolidations: Reshaping the Local*

Government Landscape, Case Studies of City-County Consolidations: Promises Made, Promises Kept? and *Networked Governance: The Future of Intergovernmental Management*.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES: The goals of the work-study program are:

- Work side-by-side with teachers, students and board members from the Nyegina Secondary School; with UMABU board members; and with other local community members to construct a library and community resource center.
- Experience Tanzanian culture and way of life from the perspective of its people.
- Understand the challenges and rewards of NGOs working in a developing country.

PROGRAM SITE: The program will take place in Musoma, Tanzania. The two weeks are spent mainly in Nyegina, a small village near Musoma.

HIGHLIGHTS: Travel will also include an overnight camping safari in the Serengeti National Park (a World Heritage Site) to view the famous wildebeest migration and see other animals in their native habitat. Other planned excursions include the birthplace of Julius Nyerere, Tanzania's first president.



PROGRAM AUDIENCE: Volunteers

from all occupations and locations are welcomed. The program is open to individuals in good health who are 18 years or older. A parent or permanent guardian must accompany minors, who must be at least 13 years old. This program should have particular appeal to individuals who are interested in development, NGOs, education, African affairs, poverty, communications, anthropology, sociology, economics, business, women's studies, and Black studies. Maximum enrollment is 15 volunteers. Space is limited and qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

PROGRAM WORK: The 2013 work-study project is the construction of a library and community recourse center. Project work may include, but may not be limited to, site preparation, passing bricks and bags of sand, plastering, mixing cement, sawing boards, and laying bricks. The project site is a construction zone and volunteers should be prepared to do some amount of manual labor. Volunteers must adjust the amount of work they do to their own physical capacities and limitations. Project work will be every other day for the majority of the two weeks in Tanzania.

OPTIONAL SEMINARS: Volunteers have the option of participating in educational seminars with students from Northern Illinois University's study abroad program. Seminars will focus on the role of NGOs in developing countries, with an emphasis on non-governmental organizations that support education and community development. Instruction will be provided by faculty members at NIU and officials from local NGOs. For example, there will be panels of

microfinance NGOs, environmental NGOs that promote solar cookers, NGOs that assist people with disabilities, women's health NGOs, faith-based NGOs, local government officials, and other organizations.

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION: Volunteers are encouraged to participate in evening pub seminars. The focus of pub seminars is to allow volunteers the chance to discuss and reflect on the events of the day with a beer or soft drink in hand. Volunteers are also encouraged to keep a journal to assist reflection.

RECOMMENDED READING:

We recommend that those volunteers planning to attend the NIU morning seminars with local NGO leaders read:

- Michael Jennings, Surrogates of the State: NGOs, Development, and Ujamaa in Tanzania. Bloomfield, CT: Kumarian Press, 2008.
- Giles Bolton, Africa Doesn't Matter: How the West Has Failed the Poorest Continent and What We Can Do About It, Arcade Publishing, 2008.
- Packets with readings about NGOs and Tanzanian governance (available from TDS).

OTHER RESOURCES FOR PROGRAM PREP:

- Websites-
 - Tanzania News:
 - All Africa- <http://allafrica.com/>
 - The East African- <http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/>
 - Chicago Tribune, Topics, Africa- <http://ow.ly/1Qccd>
 - The Citizen- <http://bit.ly/eJUB4I>
 - Health Information:
 - Center for Disease Control, Tanzania- <http://bit.ly/hFzexJ>
 - Center for Disease Control, Kenya- <http://bit.ly/igq9ut>
 - State Department:
 - Information about Tanzania- <http://bit.ly/e92v2x>
 - Information about Kenya- <http://bit.ly/idyF6v>
- Books:
 - About Serengeti animals
 - Elementary Swahili for basic conversations

APPLICATION AND WAIVER FORMS: Applicants must submit the following at the time of application:

1. Completed application form with a signed code of conduct and personal statement.
2. Signed liability waiver form acknowledging personal risks of traveling in a developing country.
3. A clear and readable copy of the first page of your passport

\$300 APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT: Once accepted, volunteers must provide \$300 check or money order made payable to TDS. The \$300 is used to confirm reservations for housing, transportation and activities in Tanzania. The \$300 deposit is refundable only if the participant withdraws prior to April 1, 2013; or for medical reasons if the withdrawal is after the withdrawal deadline. The deposit will be applied to the total balance of the program cost.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2013.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Participants will reside in hostels in double rooms with in-room toilet/shower in Musoma, and will be provided breakfast daily throughout the period of residency. For most of the two weeks in Musoma, the hostel will also serve the evening meal. The Nyegina Parish or the school will provide lunch. Volunteers in the 2009 work-study program typically spent less than \$200 out of pocket, mostly on mementos.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Individuals will be responsible for purchasing their own air travel arrangements between the U.S. and Kilimanjaro airport (JRO) from a travel agent or airline of their choice. After arrival at JRO on July 5, the group will stay overnight in Arusha before taking a flight from JRO to Mwanza, Tanzania on July 6. TDS is responsible for purchasing the plane tickets to/from Mwanza, and it is included in the program fee. TDS will provide suggestions for itineraries based on the itinerary of the group leader.

Participants should keep in mind that in order to arrive at Kilimanjaro airport in time for the official beginning of the program, they should plan to depart the U.S. no later than, July 4, 2013.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: The group will travel by bus and plane for program-related travel. All land transportation is provided as part of the program fee. (Refer to the *Tentative Daily Schedule* for specific details regarding other program-related transportation.)

PASSPORT: --IMPORTANT-- All participants are required to possess a valid passport by April 1, 2013. *Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas.* Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately upon acceptance into the program. After April 1, applicants may need to request expedited services or apply in person at the nearest passport agency. Volunteers must provide TDS with a photocopy (or PDF) of the front page of their passport by April 1st.

Information on acquiring a U.S. passport is available at the U.S. State Department's website: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html.

Foreign passport holders may need special visas for travel **and are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas.**

VISAS:

Tanzania: The visa for Tanzania will be obtained at the border upon entry to Tanzania. The cost is included in the TDS program fee.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/VACCINATIONS: Volunteers should contact their primary care physician as soon as possible, and *at least eight weeks* before the program begins to allow time for immunizations to take effect. Your county health department can advise on what immunizations are required and can administer most immunizations. Immunizations not covered by health insurance will require a fee.

NOTE: yellow fever vaccination is usually only available through county health departments and typically is NOT covered by insurance plans. This should be the first vaccination you schedule, to insure it is available.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: TDS requires all volunteers to have proof of travel insurance that includes emergency medical evacuation.

MEDICAL ISSUES: Please feel free to contact Dr. Thurmaier to discuss any health-related concerns.

PROGRAM COST: The program cost pays for the following services:

- 1) Double-room hostel accommodations and 2-3 meals daily while the group is in East Africa.
- 2) Program-related transportation while overseas.
- 3) Admission fees to cultural and historical sites visited as part of the daily schedule.
- 4) Fees for the visa to enter Tanzania.
- 5) Entrance fee, camping fee, and tour guide for Serengeti National Park Safari.

PROGRAM COST: \$1,500 + Fundraiser Challenge (Minimum \$100 donation by you)

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. TDS reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program.

FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE: \$1000 for the Library and the Community!

Help us raise money for the Library and Community Resource Center which will serve the entire Nyegina Community and primary and secondary schools in the surrounding area.

- You contribute the first **\$100** to the project, then
- Raise another **\$900** with the help of family and friends
 - Have a yard-sale
 - Host a rice and beans dinner
 - Create your own fundraising challenge

ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS:

- Airfare
- Additional costs associated with obtaining a visa *for non-U.S. passport holders*
- Immunization fees: *including Yellow Fever*. Costs will depend on insurance coverage
- Tips for local drivers and safari guides
- Independent travel and visa costs associated with independent travel
- Expenses for free-time pursuits
- Expenses and purchases of a personal nature.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM: Applicants withdrawing from the program after April 1, 2013 will not be refunded the \$300 program deposit.

Applicants withdrawing from the program after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated to overseas vendors and agents on the applicant's behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the \$300 deposit or additional payments. If the applicant must withdraw after April 1, 2013 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

1. The request is submitted to TDS in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician's letterhead; **and**
2. TDS is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.

CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM: TDS reserves the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for Tanzania, all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for Tanzania, volunteers will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

UPON ACCEPTANCE: Volunteers will be issued:

- Packing information and suggestions
- Final itinerary and contact information in Tanzania
- Packets with readings about NGOs

Survey: We will ask you to complete a program evaluation survey before return departure to the US so we may improve the program in future years.

TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Date	Day	AM Location	PM Location	AM Event	PM Event	Evening	Transport	
4-July	Thur	TDS Departs US for Tanzania (From Chicago or other airport)						Jet
5-July	Fri	TDS Arrives JRO, overnight stay in Arusha Hostel						Jet/Car
6-July	Sat	TDS WS Arrives Musoma from JRO via Mwanza					Free Time	Jet/Car
7-July	Sun	Musoma	Musoma	Free Time	City Tour	Free Time	Bus	
8-July	Mon	Musoma	Musoma	UMABU Board	School Board	Seminar Discussion	Bus	
9-July	Tues	Nyegina	Nyegina	Project Work	Project Work	Free Time	Bus	
10-July	Wed	Musoma	Musoma	Microfin NGO	TDH	Seminar Discussion	Bus	
11-July	Thur	Nyegina	Nyegina	Project Work	Project Work	Free Time	Bus	
12-July	Fri	Musoma	Musoma	NGO forum	Faith-based NGOs	Seminar Discussion	Bus	
13-July	Sat	Nyegina	Nyegina	Project Work	Project Work	Free Time	Bus	
14-July	Sun	Musoma	Musoma	free time	Nyerere Museum	Free Time	Bus	
15-July	Mon	Musoma	Serengeti	Serengeti Safari			Bus/Car	
16-July	Tues	Serengeti	Musoma	Serengeti Safari			Car/Bus	
17-July	Wed	Nyegina	Nyegina	Project Work	Project Work	Seminar Discussion	Bus	
18-July	Thur	Musoma	Musoma	Community Alive, Women's Health NGOs		farewell dinner	Bus	
19-July	Fri	TDS Departs Musoma/Mwanza for JRO/US						Bus/Jet
20-July	Sat	TDS Arrives Amsterdam en route to US						Jet