

Africa Mission Services

Africa Mission Services (AMS) is an international, non-governmental organization (NGO) registered in Nairobi, Kenya. Our mission is to assist rural, underdeveloped communities within Africa to improve their quality of life physically, mentally and morally while providing short-term volunteers with hands-on experience in humanitarian service.

Since 1999, AMS has targeted the Maasai population in the Great Rift Valley. AMS's base of operation borders the western half of Masai Mara National Reserve in the Trans Mara District. This southwestern part of Kenya is populated by Maasai communities eager to partner with development organizations in their struggle to establish basic health care, primary education, sanitary living conditions and moral development.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Projects planned for 2012/2013 include a girls dormitory at the Oloosinon Primary School, a Kindergarten at the same school, and a surgery ward at the Engos Clinic.

To reserve your group's date, contact us today! Check out our Facebook page for pictures and testimonials from our past participants.


HOW CAN YOU HELP

AMS is committed to keeping overhead low and using our funds for development work. Our projects are almost entirely volunteer-driven. This allows us to apply donations exactly as specified by our wonderful donors-- YOU.

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Sponsoring Mission Trips to the Masai Mara



THINKING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

AMS provides an opportunity for volunteers to contribute to Maasai community projects by raising donations and participating in various development, medical and educational activities. Over the last few years, hundreds of doctors, nurses, teachers, evangelists, builders and students have volunteered their time with AMS and made a significant difference in the lives of people who face challenging circumstances.

Building Projects

Building volunteers consist of anybody from licensed contractors to groups of high school students looking to help the world around them.

Medical Work

Because there is a vast medical need amongst the Maasai people, Africa Mission Services hosts medical mission trips. These are groups of doctors, dentists, nurses, or any other form of medical personnel looking to get involved.

Community Development

Community Development covers a wide range of options, including building and medical work but also more general activities like volunteering at one of the schools or helping with a clean-water project.

CONSTRUCTION & COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Africa Mission Services went to the community and asked the elders what it was they needed. Their answer was, “Schools, clinics, clean water.” AMS then took that information and presented it to American groups who have joined us to help provide those things.

Construction remains one of our primary projects in the Trans Mara. Current plans for development include expansion of several local schools and an extensive remodel/expansion at Engos Clinic..



MEDICAL & HEALTH RELATED PROJECTS

Medical education and assistance is one of the greatest needs in the area. AMS has built and continues to oversee a self-sustaining clinic, Engos, to provide these services to the local Maasai. Groups of volunteer doctors and nurses come and assist there as well as serving others throughout the area at traveling bush clinics.

Others with medical qualifications wishing to spend some time with us are welcome to join one of our upcoming individual-based volunteer trips. Engos Clinic always welcomes medical professionals willing to share their time and skills!



BEING A MISSION TRIP SPONSOR

“Being a mission trip sponsor is the best thing that could’ve happened to me. This is my second trip to the Mara and I’m hooked. I want more!”

-Natan Vigna, a recent sponsor.. Helped to build a church and primary school in Kenya in 2008 & 2011.

If you’re new to mission trips, managing a group and traveling abroad may sound more than a little daunting. That’s what we’re for—AMS makes it so easy, you’ll be hooked in no time!

MAKING THE TRIP HAPPEN

To make a mission trip happen, **you** need three basic things. First, you need a project. Then, you need a group. Finally, you need to make travel arrangements.

Fortunately, at AMS, we’ll do two of the three *for* you, making your mission trip a breeze! With your input, we’ll arrange a project for you, and take care of all the trip arrangements, leaving you with one job: to get your group together! Your group can be part of a school, church, organization, or even a bunch of your friends!

AMS takes care of necessary project logistics for construction projects, medical trips, or any other type of service project. We also arrange necessary flight reservations and airport transfers, so that you are left free to spend time with your group, bonding! We can also schedule a layover in Europe, allowing for a flash visit to Paris, London or Amsterdam!

CAMP LOGISTICS

AMS is located on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the Masai Mara, in the Great Rift Valley, about 150 miles southwest of Nairobi, Kenya. The camp includes 20 bandas, (or bungalows) with two single-beds each, as well as mid-range and high-end chalets. Facilities have community bathrooms with hot showers, a dining hall, a fire pit for meetings and worships, security, and more!

Groups are transported to their worksites via Land Cruiser and our camp staff provides three meals a day for visiting groups, with breakfast and dinner at the camp, and a packed lunch taken to the work-site.

Transportation to/from Nairobi can be arranged for your group either by land or air. For small groups, we can arrange for a short, yet unforgettable, flight to the Kichwa Tembo landing strip in the middle of the Mara. For larger groups, we recommend land transportation with our friendly staff.

SAFARIS & ACTIVITIES

With AMS being located so close to Maasai Mara National Park, it is not uncommon to see wild life while driving to and from the work-sites. During the last two days of a group’s stay AMS hosts a safari to the Mara, allowing groups to see a variety of wild-life and local flora and fauna. Our knowledgeable guides make sure that each safari is a fun, safe, and unforgettable experience for our visiting groups.

Other activities offered at and around the camp include:

- A visit to a local Boma to learn about the Maasi and their culture.
- A hike to Olkurruk, where Out of Africa was filmed, for a million-dollar view.
- And, of course, shopping in Nairobi’s famous “Blue Shacks”.

