

# Summer 2025 Future Missionary Training Internship

Central Africa, May 26-August 2

Missionary Mentors: Brad and Chelsea Carpenter, EFM Missionaries

## Schedule

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| May 26-29      | Future Missionary Retreat, Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO     |
| May 30         | Depart for Kigali, Rwanda                                           |
| May 31-June 21 | Missionary exposure and whole-life discipleship intro in Rwanda     |
| July 6         | Travel to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania                                   |
| July 6-16      | Immersion experience, East Africa School of Missions "boot camp"    |
| July 16        | Travel to Bujumbura, Burundi                                        |
| July 16-29     | Participate in short-term service and exposure with Burundi Friends |
| July 29-Aug 1  | Summer internship debriefing                                        |
| Aug 2          | Arrive to U.S. home                                                 |

Please Note: Schedule is subject to change. Please keep your calendar clear for the first days of August until tickets are purchased, just in case flight availability or cost adjusts the schedule.

## Hosts

Brad and Chelsea Carpenter will be host mentors in Rwanda and Burundi.

Samwel Kangela will be host mentor in Tanzania

## Eligibility Requirements for Field Internships

1. A committed Christian who is submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ made evident by their personal devotion and service to others and confirmed by the local church.
2. Someone with a servant's heart who is faithful and committed to God's work around the world.
3. Someone who is 18 years of age or older (unless accompanied by a parent) and is a resident of the United States.
4. Someone who is physically and emotionally able to handle the rigor of international travel and a highly flexible schedule.
5. Someone who is willing to fundraise for the cost of the trip and participate in any required pre-trip study/orientation.
6. Someone who is willing to be an active learner, diving into the culture and its people.
7. Someone who is exploring a call to missionary career service. (Exception can be made to this requirement. Contact [matt@friendsmission.com](mailto:matt@friendsmission.com) to explore this possibility.)
8. Someone who agrees to abide by the trip policies.

## Costs

\$6,800 total **base cost\*** includes airfare, visas, and all in-country costs such as transportation, meals, and lodging.

- \$300 deposit due with application deadline on March 1 (apply sooner and get fundraising started sooner!)

- \$3,000 due April 15
- \$3,500 final fundraising due May 15

\*Base cost does not include additional “short-term missionary personal support package” fundraising needs, such as optional personal salary. EFM works with each person on these details and options.

Items not included: passport, personal items necessary for trip, personal spending money and souvenirs, and immunizations.

Cost is subject to change, which would mostly be impacted by flight cost change.

### Passport

You will need a passport with an expiration date at least 6 months after trip dates. You can obtain the application and instructions at any U.S. Post Office. It is good to keep a copy of your passport on your phone.

See <http://travel.state.gov/passport/> for more information.

### Immunizations

Check with our local health department, your doctor, or the CDC website page for recommendations for traveling to destination. It is NOT required to follow these recommendations. Local health department is usually much lower cost than a doctor's office.

Yellow fever vaccination is technically required for Burundi, but they haven't asked for proof upon entry in many years, and the local host doctor says not to get it in advance (very expensive in the US...\$120 and up) because if they decide to require it upon entry, it can be purchased safely and very inexpensive in Bujumbura (\$10).

### EFM Trip and Internship Policies

1. Following instructions of missionary host and/or trip leader is mandatory. Any direct defiance of this authority will result in immediate termination of your participation in the field experience, and you will be sent home at your own expense.
2. Conduct is to be that expected of a Christian person – willing to give and take and maintain the spirit of unity and harmony of the group, to extend politeness and courtesy to those with whom we come in contact – nationals (local people where you visit), leaders, and team members. You will be expected to have a positive attitude.
3. No smoking or tobacco of any form, drugs, or alcohol permitted.
4. Participation in ALL activities as directed by trip/internship leader is expected. You will be expected to give your very best at all times during the experience.
5. Due to cultural consideration, practical jokes are not permitted.
6. You will be expected to acclimate to the culture whether you are overseas or in the U.S. This may mean eating food you are unfamiliar with or don't particularly like, or participating in foreign customs. Your willingness to try new things, and to accept hospitality offered to you is a critical expression of love and acceptance to hosts

and local culture. It is a primary way that you will communicate that you like them and that you wish to acclimate in the spirit of incarnational ministry.

7. Pairing off is not permitted while on a team mission trip, as it tends to distract from the real purpose of the trip. There are no 'couples' during this field experience, other than those who are married.
8. Separation from a group is NEVER allowed unless team leader gives permission, and you are accompanied by other team members.
9. It is very important that you dress in a neat, clean, and modest fashion. Your appearance is important for how the local people will perceive you. **You may have to submit to certain restrictions regarding dress, tattoos and other, according to the public and/or church culture of the destination, which the missionaries will explain.**
10. Being present with the team and the activities of discernment is required for an effective positive experience. Please let your family and friends at home know that you are away, that no news is good news, and that you will have very limited access to communications. Short-term missions experiences have shown us that too much contact with home can be not only distracting from focus of work/ministry on the mission field, but also create homesickness or obsession with what is going on back home such that a team member is not fully present with the mission of the trip.

There will be more specific expectations and guidelines communicated to the team as appropriate for destination and ministry.

### Planning for the Trip and Internship

Team members will receive further communication on how to prepare, including an orientation schedule, destination-country and trip specific details, and sample packing list.

### Early Return Home and Cancellation Policy

In the event a team member has to return home due to illness or disciplinary action, it would be at the expense of the team member. You are fully responsible for any expenses incurred by EFM due to your commitment, deposit and acceptance to the team that cannot be refunded to EFM.

### Insurance

Since most people are covered by standard emergency medical insurance according to their own preference, none is provided by EFM. Please check your insurance coverage, and if you are not adequately covered, it is your responsibility to secure a short-term travel policy if you wish to.

### Medical Attention

Doctors and hospitals are available in most areas. Team members are responsible for doctor and hospital bills. Of course, team leaders will see to it that team members are well cared for and any required medical attention is administered and paid for, but leadership

and EFM will expect full reimbursement for any such expenses once the team returns home.

### Fundraising

"All resources are limited, but NEVER LACKING for HIS assignments!" Carol Davis, *Mobilizer*

### Raising Your Support

It is important for you to remember, from the beginning, that the challenge and joy of serving or being a missionary, is in depending on God. You must trust and obey! Dedicate every detail of His mission to God in prayer. If it is God's will that you be a part of this mission trip, He will provide a way. In our experience of mission trip team members raising funds, we have not had even one person who wasn't able to raise the necessary funds to pay their trip costs when they are faithful to take needed steps for fundraising work.

This is your chance to experience on a very small scale what most career missionaries experience for their livelihood on the field.

In approaching people to ask for help with your financial support, it is important to help them understand what you will be doing, that you believe this is God's will for your life, and what the purpose of the Luke 10 Trip is – including if it is something you are doing to explore a possible career-ministry 'calling' on your life. Some suggestions of people you might want to contact includes family relatives, church leaders, church members, neighbors, and people in your community.

In looking at the amount of money you may need to raise for your trip, it may seem overwhelming. Remember that funds can come from a number of sources over a period of a few weeks or months, which will make it seem more attainable.

You will be provided with a sample fundraising letter, with instructions to donors with options for how to give, upon acceptance to the team.

### Responding to Donors

As with any missionary, it is important that you keep a list of contributions and financial partners/prayer partners. These are people who you will need to thank and send thank you messages and a brief report of your experience once you return home. This list may also include people who you will want to brief on your schedule and specific prayer requests before you depart.

### Tax-Deductible Donations

Donations by check (or online donations) from supporters must be payable to EFM in order to receive a receipt and be tax deductible. All gifts are donations to EFM. EFM will reserve all funds in the name of the participant and hold for future participation in EFM activities, to be released for other EFM ministries if the participant becomes inactive with EFM.