

The Joshua Foundation, Tanzania

Overview of Service Opportunities

The Joshua Foundation (TJF) is an established mission organisation in Tanzania, East Africa with a mission to “Grow Kingdom leaders to raise Godly generations”. TJF comprises long-term missionaries from various countries and also more than 60 african staff. A further vital ingredient to seeing the mission fulfilled is for short-term teams and individuals to visit Tanaznia and accomplish specific tasks, continuing to make a difference in this very needy and developing continent. The opportunities are immense – all it takes is a willingness to use your skills in serving and the necessary resources to see opportunity be turned into reality. People coming to Tanzania are an asset that can contribute so much to seeing the mission achieved.

Many people ask: what can I contribute or what can I do to make a difference? This document seeks to provide an overview of aspects of involvement and some guide as to where you or a team may fit.

TJF will arrange for jobs to be done in consutlation with your team leader. We will have a TJF person oversee your team visit and the logistics once in Tanzania. Teams may serve at the TJF Base in Arusha at one of our schools in the village, with people in our network or community. The visiting team will need to ensure they have all travel arrangements sorted, required and recommended vaccinations, finances for their trip and their expenses here and in some cases finances to complete the project which they are committing too.

Practical Teams

Practical teams can achieve many things in Africa, depending on the skills of the team members. For qualified tradespeople, serving can comprise of working on the TJF Base, assisting pastors and schools with their needs or even assisting people in the villages with work in their homes. The needs for builders, plumbers, electricians, engineers etc is unending.

For those who are not qualified tradespeople but want to serve in a practical way – there are opportunities to assist in building, sorting and distributing of clothing, painting and outdoors maintenance, and assisting with manual office type work (such as photocopying, laminating etc).

Teams may be based at TJF or in villages with contacts in our network.

Teachers

TJF operate a Teachers College, Schools, Pre-school and are involved with a Christian Teachers Network in Tanzania. The range of opportunities are extensive, depending on your level of experience, qualifications and desire for adventure (or not). Opportunities exist for mentoring of teachers, school visits, seminars, assistance with curriculum and school resources.

Medical Personnel:

Opportunities exist for all levels of health professionals and students. We have a General Surgeon at TJF who can provide a wide-range of opportunities at the primary misison hospital in Arusha.

Likewise there are needs for screening and clinics at our schools , community health education and First Aid.

Computer Professionals

Information Technology is a large part of modern day missions – whether it be communication, networks, database, web or accounts. There is a need to continue to develop our IT infrastructure to make us more effective and to offer more to those we teach and work with. Skills with networking, internet, database design, accounting software and hardware configuration are desired.

Media Personnel

Communication is a key aspect of TJF and we have a need to get our message out to those we seek to reach and also our supporters – present and potential. Assisting with designing of brochures, prospectuses, course materials, newsletters, emails, web updates and advertising would be appreciated. We are also seeking to expand our filming and production capability – both for promotional work and also for resources to use in teaching.

Creatively Inclined:

People with creative skills may wish to assist with resource development for the various schools and colleges we run as well as assisting in marketing.

Children's workers:

A large percentage of the population in Tanzania are under 15 years of age. Opportunities are available to assist with children's programmes in churches, after-school or holiday programmes, sports programmes and assisting school teachers in the classroom. Some childcare opportunities may also exist to assist missionaries on Base.

Evangelists / Preachers:

Those who are gifted in church and outreach ministry have many opportunities both at TJF and with our network to be involved. The range of opportunities are extensive, depending on your level of gifting, experience, qualifications and desire for adventure (or not). There is opportunity for evangelism meetings, speaking in churches, seminars and teaching at the Joshua Leadership Missions College.

Business People:

TJF is developing a business school and also has a charitable company that seeks to operate in a kingdom manner and make a profit to invest back into projects. Opportunities exist for lecturing and mentoring at the Business College, seminars, micro-enterprise (in the future) and to serve in the charitable company.

Sports People:

TJF is developing a sports ministry for various levels of skill in Tanzania. Currently elite coaches in athletics and football can be catered for. Sports-minded people wanting to assist with sports / lifeskills programmes for children will also find a place to serve. The establishment of sports clubs

is on the agenda and so resourcing these is a possibility for personnel.

Grandparents:

If physical work is not what you are after, there are lots of opportunities to assist with babysitting and parental relief, doing projects with missionary kids or helping with conversational english with staff to list just a few.

Water Projects:

The needs around water in Tanzania are immense and we are commencing projects in water drilling, water storage and water filtration. Any expertise in this area is greatly appreciated as are teams of practical people willing to raise funds for water solutions and assist in constructing solutions such as water tanks and irrigation.

Agriculture:

Tanzania is still largely an agricultural economy and the opportunities for people who understand farming, soil, crops etc are significant. You can also be part of the Foundations for Farming course that we operate from TJF which educates and trains local farmers on methods of improving their yield.

Cultural Experience:

Some people may also be interested in a cultural experience and just being part of a Tanzanian village for a few days. This would involve living with one of our african staff or with a family in our extensive network. The aim would also be to assist this family in practical ways.

Summary:

This document provides an overview of the range of opportunities for service at The Joshua Foundation. The next step if you are interested in pursuing any of these opportunities further is to send an email to The Joshua Foundation, including the type of involvement you are considering. We will then send you the appropriate information and application forms to be filled in and returned. In some situations, you may also be referred to a particular Ministry Co-ordinator who may wish to discuss further aspects with you as part of this process.

We trust the information provided here assists you / your team in having ideas on where you may wish to be involved. If you require further explanation or information please do not hesitate to email us.