

Purpose | Serving the children and staff at Into Abba's Arms orphanage outside of Nairobi through worship, games, art, and service projects. We will share the gospel and lead a few projects in a local school as well.

Leader | Falyn Fletcher | ffletcher@woodsedge.org Cost | \$2200

Important Dates:

We will have 6 team meetings before the trip, beginning **mid-March**. Your payment must be paid in full prior to departure on **June 11th**. Getting a passport takes about 6-8 weeks, so we recommend beginning that process as soon as possible.

First Steps:

1. Fill out a trip application online:

https://woodsedge.churchcenter.com/people/forms/20407

2. Meet with Trip Leader.

3. Check your passport. Is it valid? Is the bar code in good shape? The expiration date must have a 6 month window past your travel dates. <u>http://passports.state.gov</u>

4. Mark your calendar for all team meetings. Make them a priority. Let your team leader know if you cannot attend.

5. Start Fundraising. WoodsEdge recommends that you be prepared and willing to pay for at least some part of the trip yourself, but we also encourage fundraising/prayer letters as a great way to let people partner with you.

At WoodsEdge we know *Prayer is the Real Work*.

- Pray for the children at into Abbas Arms
- Pray about your team and your role on the team
- Pray about unity on your team and hearts to serve



Kenya, Africa



Into Abbas Arms

Above all else, we seek to change the lives of orphans in Kenya by introducing them to the love of Jesus Christ. We strive to provide foundational spiritual training and discipleship for our children in a loving, home environment.

The work of Into Abba's Arms spreads far beyond the walls of our home. The faithful giving and work of our friends and volunteers have enabled us to extend God's love to surrounding communities. We are rapidly becoming known as an outreach center coordinating spiritual training, educational seminars, medical clinics, and food and water distribution to our neighbors in the community.

Serving Christ

Everything we do at Into Abba's Arms is born of our love for Jesus Christ and our gratitude for the sacrifice He made on our behalf. It is our deepest desire to use the time, talents, and resources He places in our hands to bring honor and glory to His name.

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Into Abba's Arms is a faith-based organization that acknowledges

- \Box the authority and inerrancy of scripture;
- \Box the Trinity;
- \Box the full deity and humanity of Christ;
- \Box the spiritual brokenness of the human race;
- \Box salvation by faith alone, in Christ alone;
- □ Christ has sent the Holy Spirit to indwell all who profess faith in Him;
- \Box God hears and answers prayer, and
- \Box the physical return of Christ.



"...He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them." Mark 10:16



Sample Daily Schedule:

6am – wake up/ breakfast/ quiet time

7am - ride bus to school with kids

8am – teach lessons in local school

11am – return to orphanage

12pm - lunch/ service projects/ afternoon activities with babies/toddlers

6pm – dinner

7pm-8pm – loose evening activities with kids

9pm-10pm - team meeting/ worship time

<u>Q&A</u>

Where will we stay?

We will stay on the second floor of the main building on the orphanage grounds. There are security guards on site 24/7 and the grounds are very safe.

Do we have translators?

Most of the people in the orphanage and in the community speak English so there is no need for translators.

What's the weather like / what should I wear?

We are in the mountains so layers are the best way to go! During the month of June it could be in the 80s during the day, but nights are very chilly. Women bring long skirts, and capri-pants or jeans. No shorts. Leggings are fine if long shirts or dresses are worn over them. Men can wear shorts or pants.

What are the kids like?

Joyful, boisterous, high energy!

What kinds of chores will we do?

Helping in the kitchen, gardening, painting, and various service projects around the orphanage.

What shots do I need?

For a complete list please visit www.cdc.gov/travel

Most travelers: Routine vaccines, Hep A, typhoid. You must have the Yellow Fever vaccine to enter the country. Doctors recommended taking Malaria pills, but it's not required.

What is our Goal?

To be the hands and feet of Jesus to everyone we encounter, in our love, attitude, sacrificial service and worship; that others would sense God's presence through our unity as a team our spirit.