

# OUR GOAL IN SENDING SHORT-TERM TEAMS

Our short-term teams aim to partner in what God is doing around the world by supporting and encouraging our long-term missionaries in their ministry. In this way, the ministry is ongoing even after we leave.



### **SNAPSHOT OF TRIP: TOGO 2026**

• Where: Tsiko, Togo, West Africa

• Our Missionaries on the Field: Penny Family & Drake Family

• Tentative Dates: February 10-23, 2026 (approximate)

• **Duration:** 12-14 days

• What: Running a retreat for missionary kids grades 6-12

• Estimated Cost: \$3,000/person (Final cost depends on flight prices)

• Team Leader: Andrew Gale













#### WHAT TO EXPECT

This will be the third time our church is sending a team to lead this MK Retreat in Togo. As a team member, it will be your goal to be an encouragement and support to the missionary families in Togo by caring for and building into their youth.

The trip will begin with a flight across the ocean, typically with a connection in either Paris or Addis Ababa. Expect 12-18 hours of flight time, depending on the flight path chosen.

The retreat itself is high-energy and will run from Saturday to Thursday. The schedule revolves around sessions twice-a-day (once in the morning and once in the evening), which typically include games/mixers, teaching, and musical worship. Some sessions will be all together and some may be split up into gr. 6-8 and gr. 9-12.

The week will also include Small Group times with the students. As a team member, you should expect to be a Small Group leader during the retreat.

The retreat will also include outdoor games, sports, and other activities (ie: crafts); there may be an opportunity for you to lead some of these, depending on your gifting.

You will stay with the students in guest houses and rooms. Some areas will have A/C while others may not. A packing list will be provided for every Team Member. During the retreat, meals are prepared on-site by local Togolese women and will be enjoyed together with the students.





#### A TYPICAL DAY AT REFRESH

7:30AM: Breakfast

8:30AM: Morning Session - Mixer, Teaching, Worship 10:00AM: Small Groups (split up by age & gender)

11:00AM: Big Group Game

12:30PM: Lunch

1:30PM: RP (Rest Period)

2:00PM: Tuck

2:30PM: Free Time: Swimming, Sports, etc.

4:00PM: Big Group Game

6:00PM: Dinner

7:00PM: Evening Session - Mixer, Teaching, Worship

9:00PM: Late-Night Game / Activity + Snack

11:00PM: Lights Out



## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Love for Christ, a servant attitude, flexible and sensitive to different cultures
- Ability, skill, and/or experience serving with junior high and high school students
- Member of Stoney Creek Baptist Church for 6+ months and at least 18 years old
- A clear demonstration of serving at SCBC
- Attendance & participation at training and team meetings in preparation for this trip
- The ability to acquire a clear police check and an up-to-date passport
- The ability to receive the yellow fever vaccine, if you're not already vaccinated
- Funding: You will be required to raise 50% of the total cost of your trip; the other 50% will be provided by the church. Your team leader will supply you with a sample support letter to get you started on raising the necessary funds.









#### **APPLICATON PROCESS**



- 1. Pray about your involvement in this short-term trip.
- Apply by filling out the online application form at stoneycreekbaptist.com/apply by JUNE 1, 2025.
- 3. Ask 2 people to fill out the online reference form for you at **stoneycreekbaptist.com/reference**
- 4. An interview will be scheduled shortly thereafter with the Missions Committee, who will then select the team. (Please note: There is a 2-step approval process; ABWE Canada will also need to approve you to go.)
- 5. You will be contacted by a member of the Missions Committee once you've been approved.
- 6. Once approved, the Team Leader for this trip will contact you to inform you of training & pre-trip planning mtgs.