



## International Service Project

### Zimbabwe English Education Project Gokwe/Bulawayo, Zimbabwe – July/August 2023

**Dates of Project:** Late July to early August 2023

**Travel Dates:** Participants will book air travel as a group and will depart in late July and return in early August. Total time will be approximately two weeks.

**Deadline for Application:** April 14, 2023

**Number of FOI Participants Needed:** Two volunteers

#### **Participant Prerequisites:**

- Minimum of 18 years of age.
- Currently U.S. Citizens must show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter Zimbabwe. This applies to people aged 18 and over. Unvaccinated travelers must show proof of negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within the 24 hours before arrival to Zimbabwe.
- High school graduate (however, degreed individuals are preferred).
- A valid passport.
- Entrance visa for Zimbabwe.
- The desire to serve with enthusiasm in challenging circumstances.
- The ability to set an excellent example of personal conduct at all times.
- The ability to adapt to different environments and cultures and to get along well with people.
- Sufficient health and stamina to work in a developing world environment. A medical examination will be required of all participants.
- Willingness to engage in preproject training on teaching methods used for the Zambia project in the two months prior to departure.

#### **Experience Required:**

- Teaching experience is very helpful, but not required.
- 6 hours of pre-project, online training by FOI prior to departure for project.
- A recommendation from an FOI Board member.

#### **Lodging:**

Lodging and meals will be provided during the project. Lodging may be in local rural lodging in somewhat limited conditions or actually camping on the facility property in tents. Either way, there may be occasional power outages and only limited hot water for bathing, etc.

**Environment:**

Working in the developing world presents special rewards and challenges. It offers the chance to make a positive difference in people's lives in a much more dramatic way than in Western nations. Participants will have the opportunity to represent their individual countries, as well as Foundation Outreach International, and in a limited way help advance the cause of global unity coupled with international cooperation. While the comfort and safety of our young adult volunteers is paramount in our planning; nonetheless, participants should be prepared for minimal living conditions and the chance for great personal growth in meeting these challenges.

**Nature of Project:**

Participants will serve as teachers, conducting basic conversational English classes for adults and youth in rural Zimbabwe. Training in teaching English as a second language (ESL) would be helpful, *but is not necessary*. Willingness to train on the teaching method in the months prior to the project will be necessary.

**Goals of Participant Involvement:**

Foundation Outreach International has designed the programs to help motivated young adults connect with Zimbabwean citizens through service. This dimension of leadership and service will be awakened and directed toward our vision of "Doing a World of Good." To that end, all participants should understand that their involvement in this project should lead them to:

1. Understand the vision of and need for good works for humanity.
2. Experience and live the vision of serving others in need.
3. Identify with and participate in the FOI mission.
4. Understand that by such participation they will have become a part of something bigger than themselves and contributed to the greater good of humanity.

Pretrip teleconference and training coupled with post-project discussion of these outcomes will be asked of all service project participants.

**Estimated Cost to FOI Service Project Participants:**

Airfare to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (\$2,300 minus **\$1,000 FOI Volunteer Airfare Scholarship** = \$1,300), malaria meds (\$100), travel health insurance (\$120), visa (\$80) and pocket money (\$150). (All ground transport, room, and board costs will be paid for by FOI funding.) ***While we believe these costs are accurate, all participants should be prepared for costs being slightly higher.***

Total estimated cost per service project volunteer = approximately \$1,750.