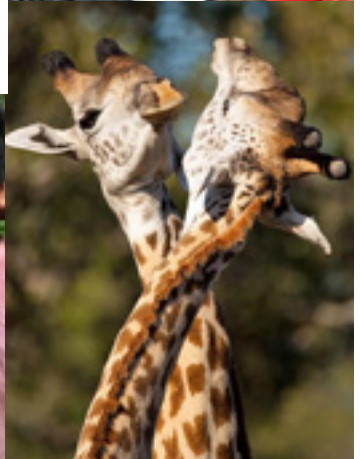




Mission
Direct

In our
20th year



Volunteering trips
Short-term service – long-term impact



*Cambodia • Dominican Republic • Kenya
Malawi • Uganda • Zambia*



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Be the Change...

Coming on mission with us is about enabling change, building hope and making a difference, one life at a time.

Here's how it works

After choosing a country and project you would like to support, you can join one of our teams. Together, we will work with local communities to help build, renovate and decorate houses, schools and community facilities. There are also opportunities to use skills you have such as teaching, sewing, medical & health care, IT, business acumen – you name it, there will be a use for it!

The difference you will make to these communities in your two weeks is life-changing. And the change that will happen in you as a result needs to be experienced to be believed.

Our mission: To take volunteers across the world, working in partnership with local communities and projects, bringing practical help, hope and change.

Great projects from this year...

- Toilet block for Light of Hope School, Phnom Penh. (Cambodia)
- Pre-school and play park for poor rural children . (Dominican Republic)
- Built a textile centre to train women. (Kenya)
- Completed classroom at Kiine School and built a toilet block at Crown of Life School . (Zambia)
- Facilities at a school to reduce period poverty for girls. (Rukungiri)
- New classrooms for 200 children in Kumi. (Kumi)
- Completed classrooms at Joshua Dhube School. (Zimbabwe)
- Outreach and resettlement work for street children. (Zambia)
- Continued support for Ukrainian refugees escaping the war in their country. (Moldova and Romania)

Where you can go





Come with us...

***First-time builders to professionals, age 7 to 85
All are welcome and can make a lasting impact!***

All-inclusive mission

Contribution includes:



Return flights



Transfers



Insurance*



Accommodation



In-country travel



Food and water



Orientation sessions will be online before your trip.



Team reunions and debrief will take place on 16th November 2024.

**If you haven't had the Covid vaccines, our insurance will still cover you for everything else except Covid-related claims*

The money-bit

1 Trip contribution and Gift Aid

To join us, you'll be asked to cover the cost of your trip, which is calculated using the previous year's volunteer numbers and the total cost of the campaign. We build in an assumption of being able to claim Gift Aid on 60% of all contributions. We rely on this to cover any cost variations and to keep the charity running.

2 Building project

We also ask you to fundraise for more than just the trip contribution to support building costs and help pay for materials and local labour. 100% of any extra funding goes straight to the project.

3 In-country partners

Volunteers often want to support our partners in-country, especially once they've returned. You can do this through our UK office. We retain Gift Aid to support running costs, and we kindly ask you to consider donating 6% of your gift towards this if there is no Gift Aid.



Cambodia

Trip Overview

Building project

Suitable for all ages under 75

Rural location

School Build for Pour Khoeun Village in Preah Vihear Province

Mission Direct and Pastor Sara's Serve Cambodia have built three villages in the country's capital city area in and around Phnom Penh since our partnership began in 2007. We are moving our efforts to the remote quieter rural community in the northern province of Preah Vihear.



Trip Dates*

£2,350

Team 1	03 Feb - 17 Feb 2024
Team 2	24 Feb - 09 Mar 2024



Team reunions and debrief
will take place on
16th November 2024.

Find out more details or apply at
[missiondirect.org/country/
cambodia](https://missiondirect.org/country/cambodia)

* Trips dates may vary due to flight
availability

The project

Mission Direct continues to partner with Serve Cambodia and the Fellowship of Hope (FOH) Church network in Cambodia, but our focus is moving from Phnom Penh to a remote rural community in the northern province of Preah Vihear. Our partners want to build a school for a village where there is currently no school and the children have not been educated. Our partners Mr Meng Oum and his wife Sreylin, along with their young daughter Emma, have made the sacrificial move to Preah Vihear to start an outdoor school for 60 village children. This is an exciting new project which will benefit a particularly poor community.

Rest and relaxation

Volunteers will have the opportunity for rest and relaxation exploring the famous Angkor Wat temple complex near Siem Reap and other attractions in Preah Vihear province such as the Tbeng Meanchey Mountain.

Dominican Republic

Trip Overview

Building project in rural location

Suitable for all ages

Beach-side accommodation

Providing safe places to play

A very popular tourist destination, with white sandy beaches and turquoise waters. Yet, many families here live in utter poverty. Arroyo De Lechez is a rural community of around 200 families. Mission Direct has worked in the region in nearby Severet but this community is new to us! In 2024 we are excited to bless the school that is grades 1-6 with a toilet block and kitchen/dining facility.

✈ Trip Dates*

£2,390

Team 1	22 Jul - 05 Aug 2024
Team 2	12 Aug - 26 Aug 2024



Team reunions and debrief will take place on 16th November 2024.

Find out more details or apply at missiondirect.org/country/dominican-republic/

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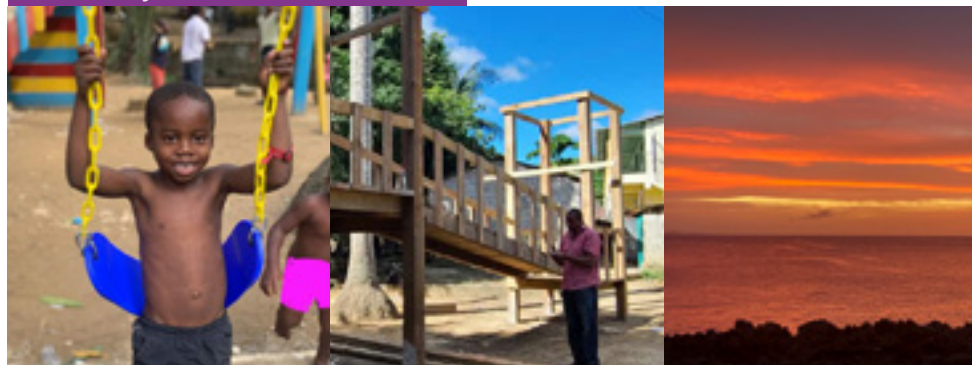
The project

Mornings: The building project will be to build the Arroyo De Lechez school a toilet block of 2 toilets and a room with kitchen and dining facilities to provide for the 28 pupils and 3 teachers. Toilets provide a place of dignity and privacy for both teachers and pupils.

Afternoon: You will participate in a range of ministry visits to feeding programmes, children's centres, orphanage for disabled children, among others.

Rest and relaxation

As well as enjoying the beautiful palm-lined beaches – a visit to Rudy's has something for everyone. From a walk through the beautiful garden filled with tropical fruits, to taking a lazy river boat ride; you'll then end your visit with an amazing lunch prepared with ingredients from Rudy's ecology garden.





Kenya

Trip Overview

Building project / home for children

Great for all ages

Maasailand

Looking after girls rescued from FGM

Mission with a Vision refuge

Patrick & Josephine Ngigi run this home for about 70 girls all of whom have been rescued from female genital mutilation (FGM) and/or forced early marriage. All of these girls need safety, security and a loving home.

✈ Trip Dates*

£2,350

Team 1	05 Oct - 19 Oct 2024
Team 2	26 Oct - 09 Nov 2024



Team reunions and debrief will take place on 16th November 2024.

Find out more details or book at missiondirect.org/kenya

* Trips dates may vary due to flight availability

The project

Mornings: Work with our partners in Narok to build more accommodation for the girls, which will also free up some of the space currently being used to house girls for a revenue-creating sewing project. Be warned, these girls might steal something from you – your heart.

Afternoon: Support community projects, such as a school for disabled children providing warmth and security for the sometimes forgotten.

Rest and relaxation

We can't take you to Kenya without going on safari – and not just any safari! Visit the Maasai Mara game park – one of the finest in the world – and experience awe-inspiring wildlife.



Malawi

Trip Overview

Building project

Great for all ages

School interaction

Giving the gift of education

Education is the main focus of our work in Malawi. In 2019, we started to help Starfish Malawi build a primary school in the village of Moyo, 20 minutes from the shores of Lake Malawi. Previously, local children had needed to walk an eight-mile round trip each day to go to the nearest school.



Trip Dates*

£2,350

Team 1

27 Jul - 10 Aug 2024



Team reunions and debrief will take place on 16th November 2024.

Find out more details or apply at missiondirect.org/country/malawi

* Trips dates may vary due to flight availability

The project

Mornings: The main project for 2024 will be to work on building another classroom block with toilets, enabling even more children to begin their education journey in September 2024.

Afternoon: Support outreach work with the opportunity to visit an orphanage, workshops and other community projects that Starfish Malawi supports.

Rest and relaxation

Take a couple of days out to unwind and swim at the stunning Lake Malawi. See the stars like you have never seen them – you'll feel like you can reach out and touch them.



Uganda Kumi

Trip Overview

Building project – classrooms

All ages - popular with families

Rural town

Building new classrooms

Kumi in Eastern Uganda will give you a taste of the 'real Africa'. The colours are bright, the welcomes are big, the wildlife is jaw-dropping and the scenery is breath-taking. However, underneath that traditional view, the need is significant.



Trip Dates

£2,350

Team 1

16 Mar - 30 Mar 2024

Team 2

06 Jul - 20 Jul 2024



Team reunions and debrief will take place on 16th November 2024.

Find out more details or apply at missiondirect.org/country/uganda-kumi/

* Trips dates may vary due to flight availability

The project

Our project at Kumi Primary School will be to build another two classroom block to increase capacity, reduce class sizes and create improved learning environments.

Mornings: You will be at the school helping on the build of the new classrooms.

Afternoon: Support local community projects – including the experience of building a new brick home for a family.

Rest and relaxation

Round off your trip with a two night stay in Murchison Falls National Park, where a game drive and trip on the Nile gives you the chance to see elephants, giraffes, and other wildlife.

Uganda Rukungiri

Trip Overview

Building project – classrooms

All ages - popular with families

Rural town

Every child deserves an education

To describe the district of Rukungiri in south west Uganda is to picture a beautiful land of rolling green hills, of eucalyptus trees and banana plantations, tropical birds, and a warm breeze. To describe Rukungiri is to describe its people. Whilst they have very little compared to us, they are welcoming, kind, considerate, encouraging and God-filled lovely people.

✈ Trip Dates*

£2,400

Team 1	27 Jul - 10 Aug 2024
Team 2	17 Aug - 31 Aug 2024



Team reunions and debrief
will take place on
16th November 2024

Find out more details or apply at
missiondirect.org/country/rukungiri

* Trips dates may vary due to flight
availability

The project

In 2024, Mission Direct will be working at a secondary school in Rukungiri with the primary aim of constructing a dormitory specifically for girls who are in desperate need of accommodation and a place with better sanitation and hygiene.

Mornings: You will be working on building new school facilities.

Afternoon: Support local community projects, such as Chilli Children, Mosaic Vision Ministries, and Our Fathers House Ministries

Rest and relaxation

Journey on the stunning Kazinga Channel - which links the two lakes - on a relaxing boat trip that will showcase some of Uganda's most iconic wildlife – expect unforgettable birdlife, water buffalo, hippos and elephants.





Zambia

Trip Overview

Building project

Suitable for all ages

Capital city

Providing access to education

Street life in Zambia is a reality for many girls in Lusaka. A large proportion are forced to resort to prostitution - a dangerous lifestyle in a city where HIV is prevalent. Most have limited access to education, and no hope of securing themselves a brighter future.



Trip Dates*

£2,350

Team 1	29 Jun - 13 Jul 2024
Team 2	Group Team reserved
Team 3	10 Aug - 24 Aug 2024



Team reunions and debrief will take place on 16th November 2024.

Find out more details or apply at missiondirect.org/country/zambia/

* Trips dates may vary due to flight availability

The project

We will be working at community schools in the shanty towns, where unemployment is high and many children struggle to attend school. We are building much-needed classrooms and toilet facilities. These new facilities will help to provide an education for many orphans and vulnerable children, who otherwise may not be able to attend school.

Afternoon: Meet our local partners who work amongst the disadvantaged and marginalised people in Lusaka. Spend the afternoon on a street visit with the Footprints team, or spend the day at Chisomo - a drop-in centre for children from the street.

Rest and relaxation

You will visit the world-renowned Victoria Falls and also take a sunset cruise down the Zambezi, in the footsteps of the great Dr Livingstone.

Zambia Footprints

Trip Overview

Street outreach

Advisory 18+

Capital city

Every child deserves a chance

This is a non-building team where we will be dedicating most of our time on outreach with one of our partners, Footprints, a charity working with street children. The Footprints team make regular visits to various zones around Lusaka where vulnerable children who have found themselves living on the streets for a variety of reasons congregate. There are two categories of children who can be found on the street, those who come to

work and socialise during the day but have some form of home they return to at night and those children who live on the street permanently. We are also finding more and more girls some with babies on the street.

Footprint's mission is to engage regularly with the children forming friendship and trust and listening to their stories and problems. The team are then able to support the child and work through their issues with the eventual goal of re-integrating them with their families where appropriate or found a safe house to provide shelter from the dangers of the street and receive support and care and an opportunity to get back in to school or receive skills training.

Trip Dates*

£2,350

Team 1

31 Aug - 14 Sep 2024



Team reunions and debrief will take place on 16th November 2024

Find out more details or apply at missiondirect.org/country/zambia-footprints

* Trips dates may vary due to flight availability

Rest and relaxation

After all of the hard work in the city you will visit the countryside outside of Lusaka for some well-earned rest and relaxation at the end of your trip.





Fundraising Toolkit

We have found that once you make the decision to go – the funds come more easily than expected. Our trips are all-inclusive, leaving you free to focus on fundraising and to get excited about your upcoming trip.

It's easier than you think

Generally, people are surprised at how much they manage to raise and many end up raising more than the trip contribution – 100% of this extra fund goes straight to the project you are helping. The more we raise, the more hope we can build and change we can bring.

Use our information sheet

People like to know what they're giving towards, so ask us for an information sheet on your project for you to use when asking for sponsorship. You'll also find that you'll get a better response using these, as they give an idea of what their money will do, such as:

How you can help:

- 12p Avg. cost of 1 brick
- £25 1 child in school for a month
- £15 Malaria treatment

- £70 Pays for a teacher for a month
- £250 New roof to keep a family dry
- £8K 1 classroom

Get started

Our online fundraising toolkit gives you a variety of ideas and useful tips to get you started and we support you every step of the way to reach your target.

Talk to us today about raising funds for your trip, or visit missiondirect.org/volunteer/fundraising-toolkit/



Orientations and Debrief Days

Orientations 2024

We hold online orientation sessions in the UK prior to your trip to help you feel fully prepared. Make these sessions a priority, you won't regret it!







Reunion and Debrief Day 2024

These trips bond you and your team for life and many return wanting to share their experiences and reflect with each other. You're welcome to bring family and friends along to the debrief, but please notify us first so we can cater for them as lunch and refreshments are provided.

2024 trips: 16th November 2024

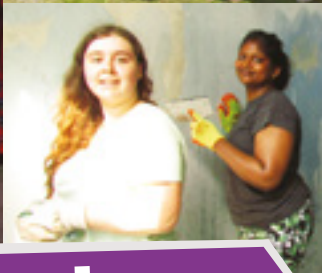
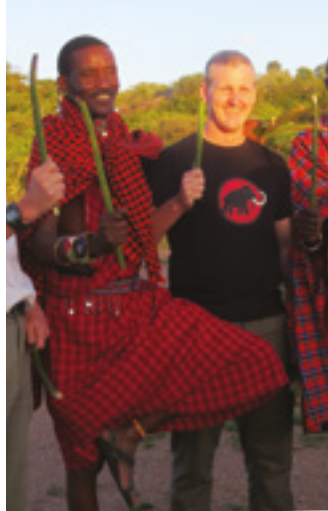


In the orientations you will:

-  Learn about the country and project
-  Meet your team
-  Chat to staff
-  Hear about what to bring (and leave at home)
-  Bring parents/friends along who would like to know more
-  Ask any questions

Please note, dates are subject to change. For up-to-date information please contact Jackie on:

01582 720056



Go Together

Whether you want to take a group on one of our advertised trips or you have your own dates in mind, we'll make the process seamless. From booking your flights, arranging insurance and securing your accommodation together - to transfers, transport in-country and all meals – we'll get it sorted for you.

Corporate, social, church and pastoral groups, youth teams, schools, families and friends have all joined Mission Direct to go as a group. We've

tailored the trip to their preferences, including any skills or experience they wish to utilise.

You'll build together, meet the locals, visit and support community projects and undoubtedly spend time playing with the local children – all the while you'll be facilitating sustainable change. Your trip will conclude with some time exploring the country you're in; seeing sites of wonder, beautiful landscape and jaw-dropping wildlife.

There's simply no better way to bond as a group than to go on mission and make an impact to another life, together. And the impact won't only be on others - you'll be changed too.



Speak to us today about the requirements for your group - 01582 720056 or email Jackie.Johnston@missiondirect.org

Find out more details online missiondirect.org/groups

Why we're here

Enabling change, one little life at a time...

As part of your mission, you'll get to experience other local community-run projects in-country. Whilst the main focus is our building campaign, these afternoon visits have just as much impact on the community as they do on us visiting - as this Rukungiri team recently found out...

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Visiting local projects with The Chilli Children Trust, the team entered a compound they assumed was empty. Approaching a locked house, they heard a small whimper - Esther.

In a dark, filthy room on a concrete floor, covered in her own excrement, they found Esther - a young girl living with hydrocephalus and spina bifida. She hadn't eaten that day. Her mother worked all day and her father had abandoned her. This was Esther's life. Day after day. Alone, dirty and hungry. One cannot even describe the scene adequately to explain the horror of this girl's daily existence.



Through generous donations, £2000 was raised for Esther within two days. Praise God!

Immediately, arrangements were made for Esther (aged 14) to begin school for the first time in her life. Within a couple of months, she was taken by her mother to board at a special school in the east of Uganda.



Visiting Esther some months later, she is clean, dressed and interacting with her family. We even met Esther's father for the first time, who previously refused to acknowledge her, or us.

Through practical action from people just like you, Esther is now at school. She is happy. She is loved.

**This is why we are here.
To change, and be changed...**

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Note: For the purpose of this story the name Esther has been used



Provisional 2025 trip dates*



Malawi

£2,300

Team 1

20 Jul - 03 Aug 2025



Cambodia

£2,300

Team 1

01 Feb - 15 Feb 2025

Team 2

22 Feb - 08 Mar 2025



Dominican Republic

£2,340

Team 1

21 Jul - 04 Aug 2025

Team 2

11 Aug - 25 Aug 2025



Kumi

£2,300

Team 1

15 Mar - 29 Mar 2025

Team 2

05 Jul - 19 Jul 2025



Zambia

£2,300

Team 1

29 Jun - 13 Jul 2025

Team 2

20 Jul - 04 Aug 2025

Team 3

11 Aug - 25 Aug 2025



Kenya

£2,300

Team 1

04 Oct - 18 Oct 2025

Team 2

25 Oct - 08 Nov 2025



Rukungiri

£2,350

Team 1

26 Jul - 09 Aug 2025

Team 2

16 Aug - 30 Aug 2025

More Info...

For all 2025 dates for all countries, please visit our website
where trips will be announced as and when they are confirmed.

missiondirect.org/volunteer

* Subject to change, depending on the needs of the projects and circumstances in-country at the time.
Contributions are also subject to change if there are variations in flights or other costs.



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Climate Stewards
FOR TOMORROW TODAY

We offset emissions from all staff travel and encourage our volunteers to join us.

Mission Direct supports sustainable local community projects. Our partners will make sure that whatever you help to build will be put to good use for many years to come.

As part of the mission experience, we will ensure that you have safe travel, eat and drink well, have good local accommodation and toilet facilities. But, please be prepared to be gracious as the best that some communities can provide may be more basic than you are used to. Please contact us at the office for more details for the country of choice. You can find full terms and conditions on our website.