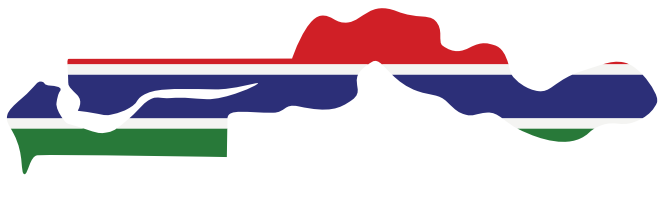




THE GAMBIA MISSION PACKET



2028



WELCOME

Hi There!



Welcome to the Go Forth Missions Team for The Gambia 2028.
This is a relational, servant-hearted missions experience in partnership
with Project Memmeh in West Africa.

We are not going as tourists or program directors. We are going as
servants, learners, and encouragers, joining what God is already doing in
the village of Memmeh.

Our goal is simple:

- Love people well
- Serve with humility
- Represent Jesus with integrity
- Strengthen local ministry efforts

This trip will stretch you, grow you, and likely challenge your expectations
—but our confidence is not in comfort, it is in Christ.

"For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the
Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." - Acts 13:47

WHAT WE ARE DOING

We are traveling to The Gambia to serve alongside Project Memmeh in the village of Memmeh and surrounding communities.

Our ministry will include:

- Village-based ministry in Memmeh
- Helping at the school & Mission base wherever needed
- Children's Bible teaching and activities
- Home visits and prayer with families
- Community encouragement and relational outreach
- One dedicated market/street evangelism day
- Serving and encouraging local leaders

We are not building our own program. We are strengthening an existing local ministry through presence, relationship, and service.

At the end of the trip, we will return to Banjul for a final night of rest and debrief at the Sunset Hotel before traveling home.



ABOUT PROJECT MEMMEH & AGAPE SCHOOL

Project Memmeh is a local, community-based ministry located in the village of Memmeh, The Gambia. Their mission is to serve their community through long-term, relational ministry that meets both practical and spiritual needs.

At the center of Project Memmeh is **Agape School**, a daily program for children that provides:

- Daily meals and nutritional support
- Education and structured learning
- Safe, consistent care and supervision
- Christ-centered teaching and discipleship
- A stable, welcoming environment of belonging

For many children, Agape School represents:

- Stability in an unpredictable environment
- Consistent care and attention
- A place where they are known, valued, and loved
- Daily access to food, learning, and encouragement

It is not an occasional outreach—it is a **daily rhythm of care and discipleship**.



TRIP OVERVIEW

DAY 1	DEPART UNITED STATES
DAY 2	ARRIVE IN BANJUL & TRAVEL TO MEMMEH
DAY 3	VILLAGE MINISTRY
DAY 4	VILLAGE MINISTRY
DAY 5	VILLAGE MINISTRY
DAY 6	VILLAGE MINISTRY
DAY 7	MARKET OUTREACH DAY
DAY 8	RETURN TO BANJUL & DEBRIEF @ SUNSET HOTEL
DAY 9	RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

MISSIONS PREPARATION TRACK

JANUARY-MARCH 2027

Applications Open

Open Vision Training

- Everyone invited
- Application opens
- Teach heart of missions
- Introduce Project Memmeh

APRIL-JUNE 2027

Open Culture & Context Training

- Still open to applicants
- We are observing:
 - consistency
 - humility
 - teachability
- Begin informal interviews happening during this phase

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2027

FINAL TEAM SELECTION

- Interviews finalized
- Team confirmed (8-12 people ideally)
- Formal acceptance letters sent
- Commitment covenant signed

Evangelism & Ministry Practice

AUGUST-DECEMBER 2027

Closed Team Training- Deployment Prep

- Only selected team members attend
- Evangelism training deepens
- Logistics, travel prep, unity building

ATTENDANCE REQUIRED TO REMAIN ON THE ACTIVE TEAM

COST BREAKDOWN

Expense	Estimated Cost
Round-trip International Airfare	\$2,000
In-country Transportation	\$150
Banjul Hotel (1 night)	\$150
Meals	\$225
Travel Insurance	\$100
Ministry Supplies & Outreach Materials	\$175
Team T-Shirt & Training Materials	\$75
Administrative Costs	\$75
Emergency / Contingency Fund	\$150
Project Memmeh Ministry Partnership & Guest	\$400
Estimated Total	\$3,500

 **FUNDRAISING SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN RAISING THEIR SUPPORT.**

Q & A

WHERE ARE WE STAYING IN MEMMEH?

We are blessed to be partnering and staying at the Agape School/ Projeto Memmeh Mission Base for the majority of our trip. For our final night, we will be staying in The Sunset Hotel to rest and debrief before traveling home.

WHAT VACCINES DO I NEED?

A Yellow Fever vaccination is typically required for entry into The Gambia. Travelers may be asked to show an official Yellow Fever vaccination certificate (Yellow Card) upon arrival.

It is also recommended that you take Doxycycline or another anti-malarial provided by your doctor.

WHAT WILL THE WEATHER BE LIKE?

It will be winter season in Gambia, however, this means still very warm during the day. Be prepared to wear light jackets and pants during the evenings. This is typically a dry season.

WHAT IS THE CULTURE LIKE?

The people are very welcoming and we have friends there. Although still predominantly Muslim (for now), the Christian body is growing and accepted.

HOW MANY BAGS CAN I BRING?

You will be allowed to bring a carry on bag and personal item (backpack and carry on suitcase). You will also be allowed two 50lb bags. We will work together to fill all the bags and take as much as possible to bless the people there.



Go Therefore

GAMBIA 2028

MISSIONS TRIP PACKING LIST



✓ COLOR-CODED PACKING SYSTEM: **CARRY-ON** vs **CHECKED BAG**



CARRY-ON BAG

KEEP WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES



TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Passport (valid 6+ months)
- ☐ Yellow Fever vaccination card ("Yellow Card")
- ☐ Flight itinerary / documents (printed copy recommended)
- ☐ Wallet + small amount of cash (USD, small bills)
- ☐ Phone + charger
- ☐ Portable power bank
- ☐ International plug adapter



MEDICATIONS (MUST STAY WITH YOU)

- ☐ Prescription medications (original bottles)
- ☐ Malaria medication
- ☐ Pain reliever (ibuprofen/acetaminophen)
- ☐ Any daily medical needs



PERSONAL ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Bible or digital Bible
- ☐ Journal + pen
- ☐ Basic hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, wipes)
- ☐ Change of clothes (in case checked bag is delayed)

DO NOT PACK IN CHECKED BAG:



Medications



Passport



Cash



Electronics



Important Documents



CHECKED BAG

MAIN LUGGAGE



CLOTHING

- ☐ 5-7 casual ministry outfits (breathable shirts + pants/skirts)
- ☐ 1-2 church/formal modest outfits
- ☐ Lightweight long sleeves
- ☐ Comfortable walking clothes
- ☐ Sleepwear



FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Walking shoes (main pair)
- ☐ Sandals/flip flops



HEALTH & HYGIENE

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Soap / body wash
- ☐ Shampoo / conditioner
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Wet wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products (if needed)



MINISTRY & EXTRAS

- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Small backpack/day bag
- ☐ Simple teaching materials (if assigned)
- ☐ Camera (optional)
- ☐ Snacks (light, non-perishable)



TECH & ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Extra charger cables
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Spare batteries (if needed)



WHAT NOT TO PACK

- Expensive jewelry or valuables
- Heavy/unnecessary clothing
- Large amounts of cash
- Anything irreplaceable or sentimental
- Immodest or tight clothing not suitable for ministry context



MINISTRY PACKING PRINCIPLE

"If you can't carry it, don't pack it."

You will be moving between international travel, village ministry, and simple accommodations. Pack for mobility, humility, and service—not comfort excess.



CULTURE & CONTEXT

The Gambia is a *majority-Muslim West African nation* with strong cultural identity rooted in family, hospitality, and community relationships.

Our ministry takes place in a context where:

- Islam is the dominant religion
- Christian communities are a small minority
- Relationships are more important than speed or persuasion
- Trust is built over time, not moments

HOW MINISTRY WORKS IN THIS CONTEXT

In Memmeh and surrounding areas, ministry is:

- Relational, not program-driven
- Community-based, not event-based
- Respect-first, not debate-based
- Long-term in mindset, even for short-term teams

We are joining a trusted local ministry (Project Memmeh & Agape School) that already has established relationships in the village.

OUR ROLE IN CULTURE

As a visiting team, we intentionally:

- Follow local leadership guidance
- Honor cultural rhythms and expectations
- Adapt to slower, relational pacing
- Prioritize listening before speaking
- Avoid imposing Western assumptions on ministry methods

We are guests in a culture we deeply respect.

WHAT WE DO NOT DO

- We do not argue religious beliefs
- We do not pressure conversations
- We do not conduct independent outreach outside leadership guidance
- We do not create division between faith groups or individuals
- We do not lead programs without local permission

HOW WE SHARE OUR FAITH

We share the full Gospel of Jesus Christ with humility, clarity, and love. We believe that God is the one who draws people, and we are simply willing vessels who respond in obedience.

Our role is not to convince or control outcomes, but to faithfully and lovingly present Jesus through relationship, conversation, and prayer.

OUR APPROACH

We share the Gospel by:

- Building genuine relationships
- Listening with respect and care
- Sharing our personal testimony
- Communicating the message of Jesus clearly and simply
- Offering prayer when it is welcomed

We trust God with the response.

SPIRITUAL MOMENTS

We believe God is active and present in every conversation and encounter.

We remain open to prayer, encouragement, and moments where God brings healing, conviction, or peace—but we do not force, manufacture, or control outcomes.

We stay sensitive, humble, and led by the Holy Spirit.

OUR POSTURE

- God draws people to Himself
- We are faithful witnesses
- The Gospel is fully shared in love
- Outcomes belong to God, not us
- We serve as vessels, not the source

“WE PLANT AND WATER, BUT GOD GIVES THE INCREASE.” — 1 CORINTHIANS 3:6

SIGNS, HEALINGS & MINISTRY MOMENTS

We serve a living God who is actively at work in the world today. We go in full expectation that as the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared, God confirms His Word through His power, His presence, and His compassion.

We do not manufacture moments, and we do not control outcomes—but we boldly expect God to move.

OUR BELIEF

We believe:

- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever
- The Holy Spirit is actively working in every place we go
- God confirms the Gospel through signs that follow belief
- Healing, deliverance, and transformation belong to Jesus
- The power of God is not limited by geography, culture, or circumstance

We carry confidence in God—not in ourselves.

WHAT WE EXPECT

We go believing that:

- When Jesus is lifted up, people are drawn to Him
- When the Gospel is preached, God confirms His Word
- When we pray, God hears and responds according to His will
- When we serve, the Kingdom of God becomes visible in tangible ways

We expect real encounters with God—not because we control them, but because He is faithful.

SIGNS, HEALINGS & MINISTRY MOMENTS (CONT.)

HOW WE RESPOND IN MINISTRY MOMENTS

When God moves in visible or tangible ways, we will:

- Keep the focus on Jesus, not the moment
- Respond with humility and gratitude
- Avoid hype, performance, or attention-seeking
- Pray simply and clearly
- Honor the dignity of every person involved
- Follow the flow and wisdom of local leadership

We do not build platforms around what God does—we give Him glory and move forward in obedience.

PRAYER

We pray with:

- Faith
- Boldness
- Simplicity
- Compassion

We do not force outcomes or create pressure. We pray because Jesus commanded us to, and we trust Him with what follows.

PURE POSTURE

We are not spectators and we are not performers.

We are:

- Witnesses of Christ
- Servants of people
- Ministers of reconciliation
- Carriers of the Gospel

We come with expectation and humility fully joined together.

“These signs will accompany those who believe...” — Mark 16:17–18

We believe God still confirms His Word today. Our role is simply to be faithful, available, and obedient.

