



English for Ethiopia

English Tutoring School in Mettu, Ethiopia

**Application for
Teaching Position
summer 2011**

Illubabor Bethel Synod, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus
Shenandoah Presbytery, PC(USA)

INFORMATION SHEET (please see brochure and visit www.shenpres.org under missions for more information)

English for Ethiopia is a program sponsored by Illubabor Bethel Synod (IBS) and Shenandoah Presbytery. IBS and Shenandoah Presbytery have been in partnership for over fifteen years. This tutoring project was started to meet a growing need for additional instruction in English language within IBS and a yearning for college students and parishioners in Shenandoah Presbytery to understand the life, culture, and church in Ethiopia. The goals of this project are:

- 1) To improve the English language skills of Mettu high school students so that there is a higher success rate on the 10th grade national exam, which high school students have to pass to continue on an academic schedule and have a chance at going to college.
 - 2) To provide an opportunity for Americans from Shenandoah Presbytery to experience life and service in Ethiopia.
 - 3) To embody our common calling to live a Christian life in partnership with the Church all over the world and particularly within the IBS / Shenandoah Presbytery partnership.
- This project runs for five weeks in the summer. You will choose whether you would like to participate in a 2 ½ week block or a 5 week block. We encourage you to stretch and consider spending the full five weeks. It is certainly more cost-effective and you will have a far richer experience. Mettu is located two days drive from the capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. Exact dates depend on the purchase and availability of plane tickets, but the trip should leave in the first week of July and return in the end of the first week of August.
 - Eligibility: Anyone is eligible! You must be a fluent English speaker. No educational experience necessary. If you are under 18, you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
 - Cost: The tentative cost of this year's trip will be about \$3000. Limited scholarships are available for those that cannot raise all of this money; the ESL oversight committee will act as a resource for individuals to raise this money before applying for scholarship funds.

Cost breakdown (per person):

In Country expenses	
Food and Lodging	\$ 300
Transportation	\$ 250
Airfare roundtrip to Addis Ababa	\$ 2000
Insurance (medical and evacuation)	\$ 125
Teaching supplies	\$ 75
Total Cost per person	\$ 2750

Additional expenses (different for everyone)

Visa (required unless you have traveled to Ethiopia within the last two years)	\$ 10- 75
Passport	\$ 50-75
Vaccinations (college students will be less expensive as most have had Hepatitis B and Meningitis; check with your local health department to see which shots you need)	\$ 100-600
Malaria prevention medication (cost depends on insurance & choice of medicine)	\$ 0-300
Spending money	\$ 200

- All participants must be willing to live in an evangelical Christian environment. Modest dress for women, no alcoholic beverages or smoking, and weekly church attendance are basic expectations.
- Preparation for this trip takes place both as a group and individually. As a participant, you must be willing to:
 - a. Interview with members of the oversight committee to determine your suitability for the project.
 - b. Maintain regular contact (monthly at least) with your oversight committee liaison.
 - c. Introduce yourself via email to IBS staff.
 - d. Attend orientation day in May.
 - e. Prepare to the best of your ability (we know it is difficult without fully understanding the context) for the teaching you will be doing. (i.e. write lesson plans, plan games and activities)
 - f. Choose a way to contribute to the project upon your return. Examples include: writing curriculum for the next year, conducting a book drive, participating in orientation, making a financial commitment, serving on ESL oversight committee, involving your church in the project, making a presentation to a church or group about the project.

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Name:

Email:

Address: (home)

Phone: (home)

Address: (school, if different)

Phone: (school)

Alternate phone (cell):

Denomination:

Home Church and city:

Presbytery/Synod/Diocese:

If you are a student, please list here your year, your school, and your major. If you are an educator, please list here your school, your department/subject and the age you teach, and any degrees or professional awards you have earned.

Other relevant info:

Please answer the following questions:

1) Explain why you are interested in this opportunity, how you found out about it, and what you hope to gain from the experience.

2) Describe any experience you have had with teaching or tutoring, particularly related to English as a second language. Write about the gifts that you hope to use, discover, and develop through this experience.

3) Detail any overseas travel you have done, particularly mission work.

4) List any concerns you have about travel and life in Ethiopia. Of particular concern would be medical conditions, ability to live a simple life without dependable electricity, communication, or water, or dietary needs.

5) You must be willing to commit 2-1/2 to 5 weeks of your summer to this opportunity, as well as significant financial resources. Explain any concerns you have about these two aspects of the trip, particularly if you will need financial aid.

6) Please list three references: 1 personal, 1 academic or professional, and 1 other with names, addresses, email, phone numbers, and relationship to you.

Sign here, signaling your intent to participate in the English tutoring program and all aspects of this trip, should you be selected.

(type name if submitting electronically)

Signature

Date of submission

Applications can be submitted electronically to pburslem331@comcast.net or can be mailed to:

Pat Burslem

331 Ridge Ave.

Winchester, VA22601

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