

# 2021 SENEGAL GO TEAM

## Informational Sheet

### TRIP FLEXIBILITY

- We believe that as part of our call to ministry in Senegal, we will once again send a team to visit and support our ministry partners. However, with the unknowns around Covid-19: safety in airline travel, countries in lockdown and worldwide health risks, the trip could possibly be postponed. We will err on the side of caution as it relates to members of our team as well as those we plan to visit. As the time draws closer to departure, a final determination on the status of the trip will be reached. That decision making process will include prayer as well as guidance and assistance from CPC staff and our ministry partners in country. While the trip is important to both CPC and those we visit, the health of all involved is paramount.

### SENEGAL FACTS

- A developing country, where 47% of the population lives in poverty. In rural areas (including Diakhao and Kollore Gui, where we partner with World Vision to service groups of villages), that number is 66%
- Population - 15.85 million with 2.5 million in the capital of Dakar
- Religion- Muslim 94%, Christian 5% (mostly Roman Catholic), indigenous beliefs 1%
- National language - French. Most of our partners speak at least some English.
- Government - very stable and a democratic republic
- Safety – Senegal has been a very safe country to travel to, however, no travel is without risk. AIDS is not prevalent as in other African countries. Malaria is present, but the trip is made during the dry season when it is much less likely to be contracted. Covid-19 has been fairly well contained as the government issued a strict lockdown and travel ban very early in the cycle. As of May 10, 2020, there were 19,915 confirmed cases, 742 recovered and 19 deaths.

### LOGISTICS

- Trip timing – late January to early Feb, lasting between 11-13 days. This time of year is cooler and drier than later in the year. Daily temps will likely be in the 80's-90's but have reached 100's in past trips and it is the time when people working in agriculture, villagers in Kollore Gui and Diakhao, are most available. .
- Team make up – typically equal number of men and women. Around 6-8 people. It will consist of returnees as well as 1<sup>st</sup> time travelers to Senegal.
- Logistics – Team will have a seasoned, ex World Vision employee who CPC is very familiar with who will take care of logistics in Senegal, help coordinate our visits, travel with us and translate as needed.
- Flights - can be as long as 19-24 hours each way (including layovers) contingent upon day of the week traveled, available flights and cost. The team travels together both to and from Senegal. Passports are required. As of now no visa requirement.
- Food/Water – most meals will be in restaurants and the selection is similar to what you might see in a US or French restaurant. There may be traditional meals at a few locations where you may share a communal plate with 4-6 others. For these meals, seating may be on the floor on a thin mat. Bottled water is plentiful and a good supply is kept with the travelers.
- Sleeping arrangements – Travelers will stay in hotels with private bathrooms (typically with reliably hot showers and working toilets). You may be required to climb stairs and carry your own luggage, depending on the accommodations and staffing. Typically, 2 people of the same sex will share a room. If a married couple, the male/female ratio will dictate sleeping arrangements.
- In country travel - will be in a large passenger van over both paved and unpaved roads. The ride can be bumpy, dusty, hot and sometimes long, depending on where the team is traveling.

## **PURPOSE/MISSION**

- A “being” vs “doing” mission trip
- Building relationships, not churches, schools or home
- Praying for and with individuals and for mission activities
- Seeing the missions in action (schools, churches, medical clinics, kids clubs, etc.)
- Sharing what you’ve seen, heard and felt with others inside and outside CPC

## **COMMITMENT TO THE MINISTRY**

- Must be committed to make training sessions held once per month prior to the trip. One session will be 4-6 hours long on a Saturday and the balance 1-2 hrs during the week.
- 2 year commitment
  - During year one - preparation, making the trip and sharing the ministry with others
  - Post-trip through year 2 – Active membership on the Senegal Ministry Team and the Senegal Send Team that selects and trains the next Go Team
  - Go team members can opt to stay on past year two as a number of others have chosen to do.