

GO Team 2026 Application

TEAM ONE: June 30 to 12, 2026

OR

TEAM TWO: June 30 to 19, 2026



Canada Central NYI
1362 Pineview Ave.
Cambridge, ON
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Dear Potential GO Team Applicant,

This is a significant time. We believe each team is a God ordained team for this particular time to partner with others in Christ and those that do not know Him yet; a coming together for a common purpose.

We have been working in 34 elementary schools in ESwatini trying to cultivate a culture of reading. This process is slow, however, in just 15 years, and 100,000+ books, literacy habits are forming. In our newest school in the south of ESwatini, in a rural village called Mlaba, that school is embracing their small enrollment and have formed reading circles. While this school's population increases, it has already established the habit of reading – not only to themselves but to each other. In the larger schools, it is slowly taking presence in the use of a library.

Teachers have been trying to understand how a library is organized and how to implement books in their everyday classroom teaching. Slow and steady, the improvements have been recorded through their national Grade 7 testing results in the written and comprehension section of the test. Without a pass in this section, children are denied entry into highschool, and for many, this would mean the end of their formal education.

In 2025, a major partner, the Eswatini Library Association (ESWALA), which is the government's National Library Service, has joined forces with us and is assisting with regular check ins at 5 rural primary schools that will be our three year pilot program. ESWALA will be doing all of the administrative and instructional side of library services, and this GO Team will be modeling reading to classrooms as well as co-operative games.

Another aspect of this year's team will be the partnering of Youth and Young Adults from Canada to work alongside a newly formed Eswatini GO Team of Youth and Young Adults. This team will be painting and doing some light construction together at a medical clinic and a rural school.

Thank you for your consideration, willingness and personal sacrifice that it will take to be part of this GO Team. May God's hand be on all your endeavors on behalf of the country of ESwatini.

Sincerely,

Marg Stahlbaum
GO Team Co-ordinator
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519-221-3479 (cell)

GO Team 2026

This GO Team partnership is a cooperative effort between the Church of the Nazarene South Africa Field Office & Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Africa, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries of ESwatini, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada. Our goal is to work in ESwatini with ongoing teacher training and library organization as well as sharing the love of reading. Cooperative games are used to build self-esteem and team work.

Scope of Project As a member of the volunteer delegation you will have the opportunity to:

- Visit a rural school
- Provide a VBS for the community children
- Provide continuing education to teachers
- Assist in an HIV/AIDS Task Force visit day in ESwatini
- Assist with a painting project in a rural clinic
- Assist with light construction at a school or clinic
- Assist with some gardening start up for a rural school
- Enjoy a one day safari in one of the Royal Nation Parks
- Make friendships that will last a lifetime

Tentative Projected Dates

June 30 to July 12, 2026 (TEAM ONE: For the Painting & VBS team)

June 30 to July 19, 2026 (TEAM TWO: For the Painting, VBS team & Books in Hands team)

Tentative Travel Cost TEAM ONE: \$2850/person (Flight based out of Toronto to Johannesburg - participants flying into Toronto will be an additional cost depending on departure city)

Tentative Travel Cost TEAM TWO: \$3750/person (Flight based out of Toronto to Johannesburg - participants flying into Toronto will be an additional cost depending on departure city)

Parameters of the Trip

The full package price includes roundtrip economy-class airfare on an international airline from Toronto to Johannesburg, South Africa. The travel package includes the following: all meals in Eswatini, lodging (double occupancy), ground transportation, group interpreters when required, sightseeing excursion to one of the Royal National Reserves, tips, taxes, and medical-evacuation insurance.

The travel package does NOT include the following: airport meals/snacks, any airport layover excursion, passport fees, birth certificate and notarized letter, phone, internet or laundry charges, and items of a purely personal nature. It also does not include any Medical costs such as Travel Immunizations necessary to travel to the southern part of Africa.

Your application form and a \$500 deposit are due by November 1, 2025. You will be notified either by email or phone call that your application was received, reviewed and a date and time will be set for your interview. Once an interview has been done you will be notified shortly thereafter of the decision of the interview team. Your cheque deposit will not be cashed until you have been approved. Applicants who are not selected at this time will have their cheque mailed back to them.

Applications can be mailed to:
Marg Stahlbaum
1362 Pineview Ave.
Cambridge, ON
N3H 4K3

or emailed to:
nyi@centralnazarene.ca

The team is limited to 24 people, and a wait list will be established for pre-approved applicants in excess of that number. Any cancellation openings will be filled from the Wait List.

Payment Schedule Due Date:

- December 15, 2025 - \$500
- January 15, 2026 - \$500
- February 15, 2026 - \$500
- March 15, 2026 - \$500
- April 15, 2026 TEAM ONE - \$350
- April 15, 2026 TEAM TWO - \$500
- May 15, 2026 TEAM TWO - \$750

Make cheques payable to Books In Hands, marked GO Team 2026 and send to Books In Hands, 1362 Pineview Ave., Cambridge, ON N3H 4K3
Etransfers are also accepted at: nyi@centralnazarene.ca

If an unexpected cancellation is necessary, the original \$500 will be non-refundable to pay airfare cancellation/change charges.

*Cost is subject to change based on inflation at a limit of 5% of the total trip cost.

**Wait list applicants will be listed by date application received. Openings will be filled in that order. See Wait List Policy in this packet.

Team Member Application – 2026

(Please Print)

Name as it appears in your passport:

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Circle: Male Female

Country of Issue of Passport: _____

Passport # _____ Passport Expiry Date: ____/____/____
Day Month Year

(Please attach a clear copy of your signed passport, both picture and signature page)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Citizenship: _____
Day Month Year

Preferred name to display on GO Team lists: _____

Tshirt size: _____

Which team are you applying for?

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address:

Street/P.O. Box:

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Any applicant under the age of 18 at the time of the trip, will need to have additional documentation.

<http://www.travelstart.co.za/lp/travel-tips/unabridged-birth-certificate-for-minors#.VYzNakmHuFs.mailto>

Children travelling without either parent:

In the case of a child travelling with a person other than a parent, the Unabridged Birth Certificate (Long-form birth certificate) must be supplemented by affidavits from the parents or legal guardians confirming that the child may travel with that person, copies of the ID documents or passports of the parents or legal guardian, and the contact details of the parents or legal guardian.

Similarly, a child travelling as an unaccompanied minor would have to produce not only the Unabridged Birth Certificate, but also proof of consent from both parents or legal guardians (a notarized letter) and contact details, plus documentation relating to the person receiving the child in South Africa. The latter documentation should include a letter stating the person's contact details and residential address, contact details where the child will be residing, plus a copy of his or her ID document, passport or residence permit.

The GO Team committee will provide the necessary GO Team information and forms for timely processing and will be happy to help with any questions. Marg Stahlbaum will coordinate a group meeting with a lawyer to have documents notarized if necessary at an additional nominal fee.

PERSONAL REFERENCES: (no immediate family members, please)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Contact number: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Contact number: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Contact number: _____

AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Special Airline Requests (vegetarian meals, seat assignments etc) :

SUMMARY OF HEALTH PROFILE:

We do not want to place anyone in a working situation where they are uncomfortable or may be placed in inappropriate danger. Do you have any fears, disabilities or physical conditions that need to be recognized?

(Joint problems, limitations, exposure to sun, heart, medications, lifting boxes, fear of heights, etc.) If so, please explain.

Are there any food or diet considerations we should know about you (diabetic, vegetarian, allergies, etc.)?

I understand and acknowledge that participation as a GO Team delegate may require physical stamina with the ability to walk considerable distances, carry luggage and stand for periods of time without the need of assistance and that the following statements are a true representation of my health to the best of my knowledge. With this information in mind, I would rate my physical condition as follows:

Physical Condition: Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___

Do you have motion sickness? _____

I am under a doctor's care for the following:

I will be bringing prescription medication with me:

☐ Yes

☐ No

The GO Team will pack a small first aid kit.

Summary of Personal Faith Journey: (attach an additional paper if required)

Each person is encouraged to have a prayerful relationship with a mentor in the time leading up to and during the trip.

Mentor to Contact Prior to Trip (if needed one can be assigned):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Previous Mission Trip Participation:

Why do you want to participate in this trip?

I know of no physical or emotional reason why I/my child should not participate in this program. I realize and acknowledge that my/my child's participation on a mission trip to a foreign country exposes me/my child to risks and dangers, such as accidents, disease, war, political unrest, injury from construction projects and other calamities and I personally assume those risks. I release and hold Canada Central District Church of the Nazarene harmless of any danger, accident, injury, death, or personal property loss that might occur to me/my child while participating as a part of the ESwatini GO Team. I hereby agree that I will be bound by this release and I agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify Canada Central District Church of the Nazarene, a corporation, its agents, employees, officers, Team Leaders, and instructors for any disaffirmation of this release by me or my family. I/my child agree to abstain from consumption of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and any illegal drug for the duration of the trip, including travel from and to Canada.

Applicant Signature _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if delegate under age 18)

PARENTAL CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MINORS (under 18 years of age):

Mailing Address:

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address:

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ PC: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

PERSONAL SKILLS July 2026

Name: _____

Please provide a brief description of your background, skills and interests below:

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:

(This information is only being gathered in the event that we are aware of a need for a specific skill. You may be asked prior to departing if you are willing to share your skill or knowledge of the skill on the trip.)

Occupation/Title (Please be specific): _____

Special interests/abilities (e.g. photography, language, etc.): _____

Indicate Areas of Compassionate Interest:

☐ Children's Worker/Youth Worker

☐ Pastor

☐ Sports Camp

☐ Music

☐ Miscellaneous Medical

☐ Arts

☐ Crafts

☐ Culinary Experience

☐ Vacation Bible School Teacher

☐ Other _____

SKILLED IN: (Please Specify)

Professor/Teacher Trainer _____ Agriculture _____

Photographer _____ Engineer (specify) _____

Office Work _____ Bookkeeper _____

Computer Hardware/Software _____

Supervisor/Leadership _____

Painter _____ Videographer _____

Plumber _____ Roofing (specify types) _____

Welder _____ Window Installer _____

Please list any additional certification(s) you may have, or other areas of interest not indicated above.

GO Team Fundraising Policy

Participants are encouraged to contact personal friends and family for the purpose of fundraising. The GO Team Co-ordinator with the assistance of the Canada Central District Church of the Nazarene Treasurer will maintain records of contributions received for each participant. The church will send a receipt to the donor acknowledging the contribution for tax-reporting purposes where applicable.

Only funds for the published price of the trip may be solicited. Fundraising for extras, such as souvenirs, snacks, etc., is prohibited. Contributions received in excess of the published price will be used, as needed, for GO Team projects.

Fundraising letters should contain a specific date for contributions to be received by the church office. ***The date should be the same as the last payment due date referenced on the application.***

GO Team participants are to ask potential donors to make cheques payable to Books In Hands and include a note with the donation stating where the funds should be directed. GO Team participants should have cheques addressed to Books In Hands or mailed or delivered directly to Marg Stahlbaum, GO Team Co-ordinator, 1362 Pineview Ave., Cambridge, ON N3H 4K3.

Any fundraising project, other than direct solicitation and letter writing, must be approved by the GO Team Committee before beginning the project to avoid duplicate dates and groups targeted for fundraising. Please submit your request in writing one month before the scheduled project to assure appropriate time for approval. All written requests should be submitted to Marg Stahlbaum. A member of Books In Hands will make every effort to attend your fundraiser to assist if required.

GO Team Wait List Policy

The GO Team committee wishes to extend the opportunity to participate in a GO Team mission experience to as many people as possible. In order to responsibly provide for the members of a team, it is necessary to limit the number of people who can participate on each trip to 14 people (including GO Team co-ordinator). To maximize those opportunities, a Wait List has been established to allow for occasions when we have an opening due to cancellation.

Each published GO Team has an application/deposit deadline. As completed applications and deposits are submitted they are date and time stamped. All applications to be considered need to be received by the registration deadline. A team of staff will review the applications and select the team. Once the Team limit has been reached, the remaining preapproved applications will be placed on the GO Team Wait List in the order of received application/deposit. All Wait List applicants will receive a refund of the application deposit. If a cancellation occurs we will contact the first person on the wait list. If that person declines, we will continue to contact applicants by number order until the opening has been accepted. The contacted applicant will have 24 hours to make a decision to accept or decline the offer if time is needed.

Once accepted, the new delegate will have the same payment deadlines as the other team members, including the need to pay the deposit if already refunded. If the final payment deadline has passed, then full payment is due within 5 business days. The new delegate will be required to pay for any additional fees (i.e. airfare ticket name transfer if ticketing has been finalized, etc.). All required trip forms must be completed and returned to Marg Stahlbaum within the week of acceptance unless time allows for an extension if requested. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and offering the opportunity to another Wait List applicant.

It will be the responsibility of the new delegate to review all trip materials paying special attention to the Travel Medical Advice, since some listed items may require time to accomplish. A valid passport with 4 blank pages for stamping is required for travel and may take time to obtain. Depending on the length of time available prior to the trip departure date, the new delegate must be prepared to take care of all trip requirements quickly to meet required deadlines.

RELEASE OF RECORDS

It is the policy of Canada Central District Church of the Nazarene to require a current Police Reference with a Vulnerable Sector check on all members of any team that includes delegates over 16 years of age. Please ask your local church to provide you with a letter to have that done.

TEAM BUILDING

It will be imperative that approved team members meet either by skype, conference call or in person several times in preparation for this partnership. Cultural expectations as well as personal questions are all things we need to discuss. As soon as the GO Team 2026 has been selected a detailed schedule of the GO Team as well as other important dates to meet will be given to each member. Our experience has been that those that do not attend these meetings prior to leaving have many concerns and questions that are sometimes too late to address in an appropriate manner for the member to be able participate in the fullest way possible. Also, we will be doing group collections of books and help to pack the container in late February, 2026. All GO Team members will be asked to participate.

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to ask any questions or ask for clarification on any part of this application. Please contact:

Marg Stahlbaum via Email: nyi@centralnazarene.ca

Looking forward to serving with you in July 2026!