

On behalf of the Sudan Action Team, I am pleased to inform you that our Holston Conference mission initiative for 2008 and 2009 is southern Sudan. Attached to this cover letter is an application that represents a doorway to helping our brothers and sisters who live in Sudan and in East Africa. Many individuals can be involved in future mission trips.

However, before you get started on the application please take a moment to review some of the upfront facts about the trip and basic selection criteria that will be used by the leadership team in the selection process.

***Please note:***

**Estimated Cost:** Approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000 depending on the type of team. This amount includes all travel, food, lodging and on the ground supplies and needs, but does not include the cost of passports, shots, and personal spending money. Shot costs can range from \$300 - \$500.

**Selection Criteria**

- Have a love of Jesus and understand the challenges and blessings of mission work. It is required that you read “Serving with Eyes Wide Open: Doing Short-Term Missions with Cultural Intelligence” by David A. Livermore.
- Flexible under stress.
- Provide medical documentation that illustrates your ability to walk briskly and function well in temperatures above 100 degrees.
- Flexible under stress.
- Culturally sensitive.
- The ability to fundraise.
- Flexible under stress.
- Willingness to present a minimum of six (6) educational presentations within Holston Conference in order to continue raising awareness about life in Sudan and Holston’s ministry with the people there.
- Submit this application to Sudan Hope • Holston Conference UMC • P. O. Box 850 • Alcoa, Tennessee 37701-0850.

We have an exciting and challenging mission opportunity before us. I look forward to working with you on this journey.

In Christ,  
Melissa Smith  
VIM Coordinator, Holston Conference

# Hope for the Children of Sudan

## *Sudan Hope Mission Team Application*

**PLEASE PRINT OR COMPLETE ON-LINE @ <http://sudanhope.holston.org>**

Mail completed form to: Sudan Hope • Holston Conference UMC • P.O. Box 850 • Alcoa, TN 37701

### **PART 1 – CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Name** as it appears on passport \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthdate** (month/date/year) \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church you attend** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART 2 – TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**Trip Dates** preferred – identify 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice

\_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2009    \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2009    \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2010    \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2010

### **PART 3 – MISSION EXPERIENCE**

List the location, length, and detailed description of previous mission experiences and/or international travel. Continue on separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Examples:

Zimbabwe	10 days	Organized children's VBS activities – led music; helped with games
Sudan	5 days	Prepared and preached sermons; led Bible study; taught sermon preparation to clergy

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**PART 4 – INTERESTS and EXPERTISE**

What is your area of interest or expertise in the following fields?  
Place an “x” next to the areas in which you would like to help in Sudan.

- Medical Care *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher Training *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Clergy Training *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Agricultural Training *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Leadership Development *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Children/Youth Ministries *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Planning/Stewardship *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction *Related skills* \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Describe \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 5 – REFERENCES**

To verify your commitment to serving in mission, please provide contact information for two (2) references from non-related adults. The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reference will be the District Superintendent of your district.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. District Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERSTANDING and EXPECTATIONS**

I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee my placement on a team, but that every effort will be made to utilize my skills in a meaningful way to benefit the people of Sudan. I agree to provide written permission from my medical physician verifying my ability to walk briskly, function well in temperatures above 100 degrees, and eat reduced meal portions. I understand that refrigeration is not available and indoor plumbing may not be available.

I understand the need for flexibility and cultural sensitivity while working internationally. I am able to peaceably work through conflict and participate well as a team player.

I have the willingness and ability to fundraise to cover the expense of the trip. After returning from Sudan, I will present a minimum of six (6) educational presentations within Holston Conference in order to continue raising awareness about life in Sudan and Holston’s ministry with the people there.

I will represent The United Methodist Church by serving as an example of Christ’s love and compassion in the world.

I am 18 years of age or older.

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Signature

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Date