

Wet Foot 2014 Swaziland



Dates: 2-22 August TBC

Team leaders: Paul Gooday and Julie Robinson

Cost: c £1300 (This is the amount we estimate that each team member will need to pay or raise to cover costs. You will be asked to contribute a non-refundable deposit of £100 towards the cost of the trip before the Easter weekend away. At that weekend, we'll ask you what personal contribution you feel able to make towards the cost of your trip and we'll ask you to make that payment as soon as your personal circumstances allow, before the team travels. The team as a whole will fundraise the balance of the team costs.)

Recruiting: A team of 12 people from the church family who can cope with long haul travel, basic living conditions and changeable weather.

Host organisation: The team will be mainly based in the capital, Mbabane, working alongside a Christian NGO called Claypotts Trust (<http://www.claypotts.org>). There will be travel to visit other projects across the Kingdom. Swaziland has a population of 1 million people and 10% of whom are disadvantaged children. Claypotts Trust is involved in paediatric health care, sustainable community development, feeding programmes, clothes distribution, equipping schools and providing training in creation care.

Activities: Although subject to change, headline plans include:

1. Helping children with reading in a primary school. There is a newly built library and the children have been slow to start using it.
2. Outreach programmes, such as visiting members of the community who are sick or lonely, performing drama or participating in evangelism.
3. Carpentry project. There are opportunities to address the practical needs of the projects by assisting in manual works such as carpentry and building. Don't worry if you don't have the skills, a good attitude is all you need.
4. Dumbé. Claypotts Trust has built a crèche, church and kitchen for this community. The team could help identify and set up income generating projects such as planting fruit trees and sports ministry.

Leisure: The team will have some down time with the potential for some sightseeing in Kruger Park one of the largest game parks in southern Africa. As with all Wet Foot trips there will be plenty of time to socialise with the hosts, local community and fellow team members.

Cultural sensitivities: As with all Wet Foot trips potential team members need to consider the cultural and religious sensitivities associated with the region and those applying should be prepared to adhere to the requests and direction of the various hosts and trip leaders.



Key dates: We won't pretend that Wet Foot isn't a significant commitment. If you are interested in this trip, please keep the following dates free:

Enquirers tea	4:30pm Sunday 9 February
Deadline for applications	Wednesday 19 February (application forms available in the Wet Foot section of www.allsouls.org or by emailing wetfoot@allsouls.org . Please e-mail completed forms to wetfoot@allsouls.org , or hand in hard copies at the Welcome Desk)
Interview afternoon	Sunday 2 March
Team training weekend*	Training weekend Evening Friday 11 – Sunday 13 April
Ad hoc team meetings	Dates to be agreed by team – to pray, plan fundraising events or prepare activities for the trip
Preparing to Go training course	4-6pm Sundays 25, 1, 8, 15 June
Fundraising event*	Friday 16 May
Commissioning service*	Sunday 27 July
Sending prayer gathering	Tuesday 8 July
Trip dates*	2-22 August
Feedback to All Souls church family	8pm Sunday 21 September
Debrief day	Saturday 6 September

****provisional***

Other practicalities: The itinerary is likely to be 1 days travel, approximately 17-19 days voluntary work and 1 days travel, with the potential for 1-2 days rest and relaxation. All team members need a full, valid passport with at least one blank page and 6 months remaining before expiry. Team members should be fit and healthy and willing to obtain and follow the health travel advice of their GP. If you suffer from any health conditions please do discuss these with a member of the Wet Foot Committee. We will be recruiting 12 people for this trip. In the very unlikely event that we do not have 8 team members by the weekend away, we may consider cancelling the trip and will inform team members before the weekend away. All meals will be provided and accommodation will be confirmed in due course but may be basic. Team members will meet at a London airport, fly to South Africa and then take local overland transport to Swaziland. If the team's departure is delayed, they will return to their homes until they can reconvene to fly from the airport. Similarly, if the team's return travel is delayed, they will return to the hosts in Swaziland until they can reconvene to fly from the airport. All Souls Church will obtain all necessary insurances to cover the repatriation of the team in the unlikely event of insolvency.

If you have any further questions, we can't guarantee to have all the answers, but try us on wetfoot@allsouls.org.