

# Blessing the Children International Missionary Family Plan

*In consideration of missionaries families and to encourage them, Blessing the Children International (BCI) has adopted this Missionary Family Plan for those serving periods of two months and greater.*

*Families serving in Ethiopia have special needs in comparison to a single missionary who will live in a shared guesthouse with a number of other missionaries. Missionary Families need to preserve family time, their own home, schooling for children, etc., for which BCI offers this Plan.*

## 1. Initial Trip Cost – Getting to Ethiopia

The initial trip cost of getting to Ethiopia is the same published rates provided to all teams and missionaries, available here:

[http://blessingthechildren.org/Forms/Mission\\_Trips.pdf](http://blessingthechildren.org/Forms/Mission_Trips.pdf)

Rates vary throughout the year because of fluctuation in airline ticket prices.

**Special Discount for Families** – Families of three or more who join an international team and pay for two family members in full, are eligible to receive a 20% discount for up to two additional members (i.e., on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> family members). Discount is available to parent(s) and their biological or adoptive children, provided the children are financial dependents living in the family home. Discount applies only to the Initial Trip Cost, not to the Monthly Cost of living in Ethiopia. Initial trip cost is due in full prior to departure, according to BCI's Mission Trip Payment Policy:

[http://blessingthechildren.org/Forms/Mission\\_Trip\\_Payment\\_Policy.pdf](http://blessingthechildren.org/Forms/Mission_Trip_Payment_Policy.pdf)

## 2. Monthly Cost – Living in Ethiopia

Monthly Cost for families living in Ethiopia are calculated accordingly. Simply enter the number of family members on each line, multiply the Cost/month and total the Line Totals. Example, a family of three (husband, wife and 5-year-old son), the monthly rate would be \$1,513 (645+645+223).

While the first two months of the Monthly Cost is due prior to departure, remaining months of support can be raised/paid from month to month while the missionary family is serving in Ethiopia.

| MONTH COST CALCULATION FORM – 2009/2010  |            |     |                 |
|--|------------|-----|-----------------|
| DESCRIPTION                              | COST/MONTH | QTY | LINE TOTAL      |
| First family member                      | \$ 645     | 1   | \$ <u>645</u>   |
| Second family member                     | \$ 645     | 1   | \$ <u>645</u>   |
| Additional Adults (age 18+)              | \$ 310     | ___ | \$ _____        |
| Additional Children (age 4-17)           | \$ 223     | ___ | \$ _____        |
| Additional Children (age 0-3)            | \$ 170     | ___ | \$ _____        |
| <b>Total Monthly Cost for the Family</b> |            |     | <b>\$ _____</b> |

## 3. What is Included in the Monthly Cost

Essentially, all living needs are covered by the Monthly Cost listed above. Families serving under this Plan are placed in their own private home.

**House Provided** – The Monthly Cost includes; house rent, basic furnishings, utilities, repairs, day and night guards, and a cleaning lady who may assist as a nanny in helping to care for your children according to your wishes.

**Education Provided** – Also included is the education of children in private schools. BCI will cover monthly tuitions in a private school, registration fees, school supplies, and three uniforms per year for each enrolled child.

**Insurance Provided** – Family medical expense and evacuation insurance:

<http://www.travelguard.com/travelinsurance/products/MedEvac.asp>

**Food Provided** – The family's food is provided through a monthly budget whereby families will be reimbursed actual expenses for food purchased for the family. The maximum monthly reimbursement is based on the number of people in the family (\$150/adult and \$75/child 17 & under).

**Clothing, Entertainment & Miscellaneous Provided** – These expenses are handled the same as the food budget above, except the maximum reimbursement cannot exceed \$30/family member per month.

**Local Transportation Provided** – Local transportation is provided via local taxi in Ethiopia. A maximum monthly budget of \$16 per adult and school aged child is available for reimbursement of the families local travel needs. This equates to about 5 taxi trips per day per person, which is generally more than sufficient.

## 4. What is Not Included

Some examples of expenses not included in the plan are:

- Spending money.
- Out-of-town family vacations/excursions.
- Funds for giving to the poor outside of BCI program guidelines.
- Return travel home to visit family & friends.

## 5. Fundraising

BCI will cooperate with families coming to serve through providing tax deductible receipts to donors when funds are made payable to BCI directly. BCI also tracks donations and will provide reports of amount raised. For more detailed information about raising funds, see pages 10-13 here:

[http://blessingthechildren.org/Forms/Missions\\_Booklet.pdf](http://blessingthechildren.org/Forms/Missions_Booklet.pdf)

## 6. BCI Assistance with Monthly Cost

Families serving more than four months are welcome to apply for assistance with their families Monthly Cost. Assistance may be requested by emailing the BCI Corporate Office at [info@BlessingTheChildren.org](mailto:info@BlessingTheChildren.org) and including:

- Names of each family member.
- Family member's ages.
- Each member's ongoing contribution to the ministry.
- A brief description of why the family is requesting support.

This email should be sent at the end of the of the third month of service in Ethiopia, giving the family time to experience the ministry and the country of Ethiopia and giving BCI time to know the family. Assistance requests take 30 days to process. If approved, support starts according to this scale:

| BCI MONTHLY ASSISTANCE / APPROVED MEMBER |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Months one through four                  | \$ 0/month         |
| Months five through eight                | \$ 109/month       |
| Months nine through twelve               | Up to \$ 218/month |
| After one year                           | Up to \$ 364/month |

For each family member approved, BCI will contribute the amount listed to the family's monthly support, reducing the amount the family needs to raise/pay to live in Ethiopia. All members in a family may not be approved, depending on their individual ongoing ministry contribution and available resources of BCI.

## 7. Definition of a Family

"Family" means family members related as; parent, child, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother, sister, mother, father, grandparents, grandchild, step-child, step-brother, step-sister, step-parents, parents-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, legal guardian, foster child, ward, or legal ward, or spouse of any of the above.



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