



KILI CLIMB 2011

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When and where is the Kili Climb?

A:The WorldServe Kili Climb will take place January 3-14, 2011 on Mt. Kilimanjaro near Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa. These dates include travel to and from Africa, a two-day safari and a six-day climb. Due to the involvement of so many pastors and ministry leaders, WorldServe developed this schedule to ensure that climbers only miss one weekend in the States.

Q: What is the goal of the Kili Climb?

A:The goal and purpose of this event is to raise \$1 million for clean water projects in Africa, or enough to provide clean water for up to 50 communities.

Q: How much does it cost to participate in the climb?

A:Each climber is required to raise \$25,000 which covers their travel and climb costs, as well as the cost of drilling a water well in an rural East African community. WorldServe will equip each climber with a first-class media kit including DVDs and fundraising ideas, and a personal fundraising page on the Kiliclimb.org website that you can use to accept donations and track progress toward your goal.

Q: Can I bring my spouse with me?

A:Yes, at an additional cost of \$5,000 to cover your spouse's travel expenses. In other words, a husband and wife team needs to raise \$30,000.

Q: Can I bring someone other than my spouse?

A:Yes. In order to bring a guest other than your spouse on the Kili Climb, each additional traveler must raise \$10,000, which both covers travel expenses and helps provide clean water for children in Africa. The funds raised by additional climbers will go to enhance the capacity of the water well you're sponsoring by supplying a pump, windmill (for wind power) or holding tank. The purpose of the climb is to provide clean water, thus every climber is expected to raise funds to contribute to that goal.

Q: Can we form a team?

A:Yes, and we encourage you to do so if that makes the experience more fun and doable for you! Forming a team works the same way as adding guests – add \$10,000 to your fundraising goal for each person who joins your team. Again, this is so that every participant not only covers their travel expenses, but also contributes to the goal of the Kili Climb: providing clean drinking water to children in Africa.

For example, an individual climber must raise at least \$25,000. A two-person team must raise at least \$35,000. A three-person team must raise at least \$45,000, and so on.

Remember that corporate sponsorships you personally secure (such as with businesses in your community) can count toward your goal. If you secure a \$10,000 corporate sponsor for the Kili Climb, that takes you \$10,000 closer to your goal. This is a great way to reach your goal while also engaging local leaders and local businesses in providing clean water.

Q: How do I raise \$25,000 or more?

A: We are asking you to leverage your own connections whether that be family, friends, coworkers, your church or businesses in your local community. WorldServe will equip you with a first-class media kit including DVDs and fundraising ideas, and a personal fundraising page on the Kiliclimb.org website that you can use to accept donations and track progress toward your goal. We will help you with new ideas and strategies as needed. Please remember that it is an honor to give a cup of clean water in Jesus' name, and each person you ask has the privilege of caring for the poor and needy through their giving. There's no shame in asking on behalf of someone who lacks clean, safe water!

Q: What if I don't raise all the money in time?

A: Raising money is critical. Not only does it cover your costs, but it also provides clean water for children in Africa. However, it's possible that raising such a large sum could prove to be a challenge due to a number of factors. For the integrity of the event, we must say that if you are unable to raise at least \$15,000 by December 1, there is a possibility that you may not be permitted to participate in the climb. This will be determined on a case by case basis.

Q: How will WorldServe drill the water wells and implement the projects after the climb?

A: Since 2002, WorldServe has provided clean water to nearly 2 million people in East Africa through its own Africa-based drilling company, Maji-Tech Engineering. WorldServe has a proven track record in implementing community-wide water projects. Project updates and reporting will be made available to everyone through the WorldServe website, email list and social media sites.

Q: What is the benefit of securing a corporate sponsor for the Kili Climb?

A: Any level of corporate sponsorship you secure (our bronze level begins at just \$1,000) counts toward your overall goal, so it helps you get there faster. Also, if you have already raised the basic goal of \$25,000, you can bring a guest for every \$10,000 corporate sponsor you secure.

Q: What percentage of the money will be used to provide clean water?

A: At least 80% of the funds raised by each climber will go directly to providing clean water in Africa. If we are able to secure enough corporate sponsorships, this percentage could grow to 90% as sponsorships help us underwrite event expenses.

Q: How many climbers will be on the trip?

A: Approximately 50 climbers, as well as the skilled guides and porters who will do such things as carrying your belongings, setting up your tent and cooking your meals.

Q: Will the trip include activities other than the climb?

A: The trip also includes a two-day safari before the climb begins. This will give you a couple days to adjust to the time zone and climate while having a great time and taking in some of the world's most beautiful landscapes and wildlife.

Q: How many days of climbing does it take to reach the summit?

A: We will use a route that takes five days to reach the summit of Kilimanjaro, which stands at an altitude of 19,340 feet. Final descent will be made on the sixth day.

Q: Will there be access to emergency medical assistance during the climb?

A: Yes. You will be covered by the International Volunteer Card's travel insurance. This gives you benefits such as accident, sickness, hospital and emergency medical transportation coverage. You will receive more details.

Q: How can I prepare myself for the physical challenge?

A: The climb is not technical nor does it require rock climbing skills – it's basic hiking. The factor that is most challenging is the extreme altitude, which puts stress on everyone's body. While experts who ensure we do the climb as safely as possible will guide us, we also recommend that you begin doing regular cardiovascular exercise now to prepare your body. Break in your hiking boots and walk the dog; climb stairs; hike some hills with a pack on – walking is the best way to prepare yourself for the long hike up Kilimanjaro. You need to build up stamina. Also it's a good idea to get a basic medical check-up before you go. You don't want to be dealing with an ingrown toenail or worse at 18,000 feet. One nice thing about the WorldServe Kili Climb is that each climber will have porters who will carry all your belongings except your water. That will certainly lighten your load! The skilled porters also set up and take down your tent and cook meals. All you have to do is focus on reaching the summit and providing clean water for children in Africa. Begin your physical and mental training today!