



Build Church Africa (BCA) – Mission Trip Information Pack

1. Welcome Message

Thank you for your interest in joining a mission trip with **Build Church Africa (BCA)**! We are so fortunate to have this opportunity, and we are excited that we get to do it with you! Your willingness to serve will not only impact lives in Uganda but also transform your own faith journey. This pack provides key information to help you prepare for your trip. Be sure to read everything carefully and contact us with any questions.

2. Trip Overview

Destination: Uganda (various rural communities where we operate including in refugee camps)

Duration:

- Short Term Mission – 2 weeks (July trips and December)

Purpose: To support churches, schools, hospitals and communities through evangelism, construction, education, hospital and humanitarian outreach.

3. What You Will Do

Missionaries take part in activities such as:

- ✓ Church and school construction and furnishing
- ✓ Bible distribution & gospel outreach
- ✓ Support and teaching in schools and mentoring children
- ✓ Supporting orphans and vulnerable children with food, clothes & scholarships
- ✓ Digging water wells and community development projects
- ✓ Youth and children's ministry (sports, music dance drama, discipleship)
- ✓ And other activities both in schools, hospitals and communities

What You Will Do (Continued)

- **Home Visits for Prayer** – Spend time with families in need, offering encouragement and prayer for the sick.
- **Support for Students** – Visit at-risk students and explore sponsorship opportunities to help them access a fair education.
- **Team Devotionals** – Gather with your team each morning and evening for reflection, prayer, and sharing about the day's work.
- **Cultural Immersion** – Experience the community fully: learn to cook local dishes, practice the language, explore neighborhood shops, and visit local restaurants.

- **Cultural Experience & Fun** – Visit a local tailor to have a traditional African garment, bag, or accessory made. (Pocket money will be needed—we will cover this in one of the pre-departure orientation sessions.)
 - **Boda Boda Ride** – Enjoy Boda ride through town.
 - **Uganda Adventure** – Explore the breathtaking Murchison Falls National Park. <https://www.murchisonfallsnationalpark.com>
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4. Costs & Funding

We propose a flat rate fee to cover all expenses for the international Airfare, transport within Uganda, lodging, as well as regular meals. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner) any additional snacks soda will be left to personal individual expense.

Participants may be required to travel to a central domestic location to depart for International Destination- This cost will be covered by the Participant. In the event we can prevent this we will do our best to avoid to and help all participants/missionaries save monies as we can.

- Visa Cost \$50
- Passport Cost-
- Yellow Fever Vaccine

The total cost of your mission trip will depend on length of stay and activities involved. You will need to pay for Airfare, Uganda Visa cost \$50 (Uganda tourist/missionary visa), Accommodation, Meals, and local transportation. But we also provide free accommodation on site.

Fundraising is possible—we encourage missionaries to fundraise for the projects before and after Uganda trip to support projects are interested in. And we also encourage churches and friends to support missionaries through prayer and financial gifts.

5. Travel Preparation & Requirements

- **Passport & Visa** – Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months before travel. We will guide you in applying for a Ugandan visa online.
- **Vaccinations & Health** – Yellow fever vaccination is required. Malaria prevention is highly recommended. Consult your doctor for travel medicine.
- **Travel Insurance** – Advise to arranged by each missionary for travel insurance (covers health, accidents, travel issues).
- **Faith Commitment** – Missionaries should be committed ready to serve with humility, flexibility, and cultural sensitivity.

6. What to Bring

- Light, modest clothing (long skirts/dresses for women, trousers for men when preaching/teaching)
- Comfortable shoes for walking and Rain jacket
- Personal notebook, Camera and Flashlight/headlamp
- Small gifts for children (optional: pens, books, toys)
- Personal hygiene items (mosquito net if you will be accommodated within community,
- Sunglasses
- BIBLE
- SUNSCREEN
- BUG REPELLENT RECOMMENDED specifically with PIRICARIDIN in it. Sawyer's Brand lotion and gear spray can be found on Amazon and is the best defence against Malaria.

7. Cultural Tips

- Ugandans are very hospitable and respectful—greet people warmly.
- Churches often have lively worship with singing, dancing, and drums.
- Be modest in dress and behavior— cloth that cover the knee while you are seated for Ladies. *No Spaghetti Straps, No Short shorts please.*
- Expect slower standard of life and limited resources compared to Western standards. Life in Uganda is not expensive compared to western standards.
- Learn simple local greetings in **Luganda, Runyoro or Swahili**—it builds strong connections.
- The children in Uganda love American's and are extremely excited. Always greet them with a smile and remember you are in their home. Be patient and kind. Engage with the children whenever possible. That is why you are there!

8. Safety & Support

Your safety is our priority. Build Church Africa staff will:

- Arrange secure accommodation and transport.
 - Provide orientation upon arrival.
 - Assign a local guide/translator for the team.
 - Ensure you are supported and practically throughout the trip.
 - Always keep Money in a safe place. (If you need a good inexpensive lightweight money belt We can provide you with the Amazon Link. This is highly advisable to use when traveling internationally)
 - We do not travel alone.
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9. Next Steps – How to Apply

1. Fill out the Mission Trip Application Form.
2. Attend an online preparation meeting and Uganda cultural orientation before departure.
3. Contact us for any questions, were are to help and guide you.

Contact us

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“Be a missionary, build hope. Together, we can bring the gospel to life in unreached community in Uganda.”

Together, we are committed to reaching unreached communities, ensuring that faith and hope shine even in the most remote places.