



MISSIONS 2019

What is your
Mission?



WELCOME TO UGANDA



WHY GO?

WHY UGANDA?

WHY NOT JUST SEND THE MONEY?

WHY is always a good question we should be able to answer. Why go to Africa instead of somewhere else? Why leave North America? Why leave our home cities at all? Isn't there lots of missions work to do right in our own home town? And wouldn't we get more done abroad if we just sent the cash?

In Matthew 28, Jesus has risen from the dead and proclaims “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**”. Seriously, he claims God gave Him ALL authority! With this preface Jesus next gives His followers one very specific purpose. He said “**Go therefore and make disciples of ALL nations**”. He didn't say send someone on a mission or fund some good work somewhere. You and I as followers of Jesus have been told to “GO” to the nations. This direction is pretty all-encompassing and pretty clear. By using the word ALL, Jesus includes missions to our family, our friends, our workmates, the city we live in, and yes other countries and other continents. Is Africa the only place Jesus wants us to go? Nope! But if you are hearing Jesus call to missions today, perhaps He is providing this opportunity for a purpose. Perhaps Jesus is inviting you to adventure with Him in Africa!

Uganda is an interesting place to mission. It has amazing animals and diverse tribes of people. While there are many tribal languages, English is the countries official language which makes communication for North American's easier.

We are the Banman's. Terry and I live in an urban community in Kampala Uganda. As you drive into our community you will see some pretty normal third-world streets and stores. Walking deeper into the community however reveals slum housing and families struggling to exist.

We are the only white people living in this community. Our home overlooks the neighbourhood and we often host teams, couples and individuals who wish to go on mission. From this launching point, you can walk into the missions field at our doorstep or journey to a number of other locations where we operate.





WHY UGANDA?

WHERE IS UGANDA?

WHY IS ITS GEOGRAPHY INTERESTING?

Uganda is a peaceful and relatively prosperous country given its surroundings. In fact, issues in the countries surrounding Uganda shape it in a number of ways.

Picture the hands of a clock:

- At 12 o'clock is South Sudan which has been at war for decades and finally won independence in 2011. In 2013 civil war broke out with hundreds of thousands dead and millions fleeing the country today.
- Beyond South Sudan is (north) Sudan where the leaders are genocidal. Here, the majority Arab Muslims attack the people groups in the Darfur region and the Nubian mountains.
- At 3 o'clock lies Somalia separated from Uganda only by neighbouring Kenya. Somalia has been leaderless for years under the boot of regional warlords.
- At 5 o'clock just the other side of Tanzania is Mozambique which is again in the middle of civil war.
- At 6 o'clock are Rwanda and Burundi. These countries have been involved in genocide between the Tutsi and Hutu people groups.
- At 9 o'clock is the DRC (Congo) which has been in the midst of civil war for years and is known as the rape capital of the world due to the special tactics these armies deploy to dominate their enemies.
- Finally at 10 o'clock we find the Central African Republic where civil war has seen the majority Christian population killing Muslims.



The unrest of surrounding countries means Uganda receives a large number of refugee families fleeing fighting or oppression.

Individuals or families looking for security and stability often flee to Uganda looking to establish and feed themselves. This puts pressure on Ugandan families who must now compete for resources. It also puts pressure on the Ugandan government to try and provide aid or defend their borders.



WHAT CAN I DO?

**CAN I ENGAGE WITH WORK
ANDREW & TERRY ARE DOING?**

**I HAVE IDEA OF MY OWN. CAN I
COME AND DO MY OWN PROJECT?**

There are many ways teams, couples or individuals can help on the ground in Uganda. The following list offers a number of options but is not inclusive of every possibility. We invite you to connect with us about work we are doing in these areas or to share an idea you have that your team might want to undertake.

Business Opportunities - People in Uganda can be hard working and creative, however opportunities are often limited by a lack of start-up funds or business knowledge. We believe however that *business opposes poverty* and we welcome teams to engage with us to create opportunity. Perhaps your team would like to spearhead a small business start-up employing several young adults. This sort of project requires significant planning, but we would be pleased to work with you to find the correct solution and people to engage with.

Entrepreneurial Training - There is great potential for young adults to achieve success and provide for themselves through small business. For a number of years now we have mentored community youth in business. Perhaps you or your team have business skills or experience that could add value to individuals starting small businesses. We would be very pleased to discuss your ideas and find a way to help locals thrive.

Crisis Pregnancy - We partner locally with an organization named Remnant Generation. Staff and volunteers at Remnant Generation provide proactive education regarding pregnancy, STDs and sexual abuse. They also provide counselling services for young girls and families. In severe cases, Remnant Generation takes custody of young girls to help them through their pregnancy and assist in re-establishing life with a baby. In many cases, children are transformed into parents prematurely and must look for a place to live and work as they struggle to become a mother. There are many ways teams can engage with this work. Life skills, business opportunities, sewing and knitting skills, and even the skills of a mother must be taught. This is a great opportunity for teams of ladies to share and support young girls.

Preaching and Teaching - There are always opportunities to share your Christian faith with others while on mission. In fact, this is a key purpose for all that we do. You may share the love of Jesus as you help a struggling family fix their home or you may preach from the pulpit. Regardless, there are always opportunities to share Jesus. Please let us know if you have a specific preaching or teaching gift you want to exercise while you are here. We will gladly arrange opportunities for you.

Building Projects - We live in a community where many families live in extreme conditions. Some family homes are surrounded by sewage, other homes have floors that puddle when the rains come, still others have no walls at all and the families are plagued by mosquitos. Building projects are always a great way to engage. Your mission team could partner with local volunteers and builders to dramatically improve life for a struggling family.



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Refugee Relief - We typically avoid relief work in favour of community development, but have found ourselves compelled at times to reach out to camp residents to help address serious needs. We have a long established relationship with South Sudanese in northern refugee camps. We were working in South Sudan before civil-war broke out and most of the families in the village where we worked have now moved to Ugandan camps. Under specific conditions, a missions team may be able to assist families in camps. If your group desires to invest in a serious relief need then we would be able to discuss options with you.

Bush Medical Clinics - Medical clinics are a wonderful way to bless rural villages who have little access to healthcare and no funds for medicines. We have connections with Ugandan doctors and nurses and are able to put together clinics. We have done clinics in South Sudan and in several places in Uganda and this is a wonderful practical way to demonstrate love. It's also an opportunity to share Jesus!

Primary School Teaching - Our primary partner in our community (Deo Ministries) operates a primary school. This school always welcomes teachers or other individuals who are able to enrich the education of their children. Are you a teacher? Do you have a talent or skill that would benefit young children? If so we would welcome the opportunity to work with you and our partners and find the best way to engage the children.

Story Telling - One of the primary ways we connect our work in the third-world with missions minded people in the first-world is by telling stories. We often use social media to tell stories but ideally we use video to draw people into the story more effectively. We find that when people connect to the real need (when they feel it first hand) then they engage to help us do something about that need. Do you have teammates who know how to tell stories well. We would love to engage those people with locals and communicate our stories well.

These are just some locations and situations that African missions teams can engage with. Teams are able to engage with specific people or in specific locations to undertake a given project. Missions can be tailored to meet the specific desires and skills of team members. Andrew and Terry are able to plan, cost and co-ordinate the entire process and all ground logistics.

We welcome you to contact us and discuss your teams needs!



GET ENGAGED!

HOW CAN I GET STARTED?

WHO CAN I TALK TO?

Planning is the first step in making sure your time on the ground is effective. Africa is a long way from home and expensive to reach. You may wish to engage a specific skill, want to work with children, or share your knowledge of farming. Arise is able to work with you to plan and price your mission. This will help you get the most out of your trip.

Trips can be educational or highly practical in nature. Teams may wish to take on a specific project, or take in a broader number of activities to increase their overall understanding of Africa and its issues. As you consider what your teams mission might look like, Arise can offer details and resources to help you plan. The following web sites describe Arise work in writing, pictures and video.

<http://childrenarise.org> - is the web site for Arise, the Canadian charitable society Andrew and Terry belong to. This site has articles about projects in Africa as well as other countries where Arise works.

<http://thebanmans.com> - is the personal web site of Andrew and Terry Banman who live in Uganda. This site has a wealth of information about the Africa specific work they do.

<http://vimeo.com/channels/missionswork> - is a web site where our missions work is presented in video. Many of these videos have been taken on-site at current locations where the Banman's are engaged. These will give you an excellent feel for Arise work but may also give you ideas for planning your teams mission.

Once you have reviewed Arise work in Africa, you may need help considering an actual itinerary. Andrew Banman is available to consult with you and customize a trip to meet your needs. Please feel free to contact Andrew via phone, email or Skype to discuss options, ideas, or to answer any questions.

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