

Uganda Mission Trip Information

Trip Objective and Mission:

Downtown Presbyterian Church is partnering with Global Hands of Hope and Suubi Medical Center to host a four day medical clinic in Bukeka, Uganda. This trip is geared toward physicians and other medical providers. Our three goals are to **encourage** local providers and ministry leaders with whom we come in contact, **grow** in our understanding of poverty and the ways God is at work, and **serve** alongside other Christians who are bringing the love of Christ to their communities.

General Trip Itinerary:

Friday—Saturday, June 21–22: Travel days

- Airline travel is reserved for you through United Airlines and is included in the trip cost—travel itinerary is listed below

Sunday, June 23:

- Church at New City Community Church, Kampala
- Meal with congregation and missionaries
- Travel to Bukeka

Monday—Thursday, June 24–27: Medical clinic

- 8:00am-5:00pm Medical clinic
- Meals at GHOH compound
- Travel on Thursday afternoon to safari lodge

Friday, June 28: Safari day

- TBD on location (Murchison Falls, Queen Victoria NP)

Saturday—Sunday, June 29–30: Travel days - Return to Greenville, SC

Flight Itinerary: (example from 2023)

Friday, June 21

UA 3605

Depart GSP 11:30am

Arrive EWR (Newark) 1:30pm

UA 999

Depart EWR 6:35pm

Arrive BRU (Brussels) 7:45am

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SN 465

Depart BRU 10:30am

Arrive EBB (Entebbe) 10:10pm

Saturday, June 29

SN 465

Depart EBB 11:25pm

Arrive BRU 6:40am

UA 998

Depart BRU 10:15am

Arrive EWR 12:20pm

UA 3502

Depart EWR 8:05pm

Arrive GSP 10:15pm

Lodging:

The team will spend the first night at the Best Western Entebbe near the airport. While we are in Bukeka we will stay on the Global Hands of Hope compound. Each person will share a room with another team member. The final two nights will be spent in a safari lodge. Rooms will be air-conditioned. Bedding linens and towels are provided.

Trip Cost:

The total cost per person for the trip is \$3,600. This cost includes airfare, lodging, meals, ministry work, and your safari. Fundraising is encouraged and is an integral part of being sent on a mission trip. The cost breakdown is as follows:

ITEM	ANTICIPATED COST
Flights and bags	\$2100
Room and board for five nights	\$300
Safari lodge for two nights (and safari)	\$800
Transportation	\$150
Miscellaneous	\$250
TOTAL	\$3600

Fundraising:

Every team member is expected to build a prayer team of at least 3 individuals, and this team might include financial donors as well.

The Missions Committee will also be fundraising for additional trip costs. Some of these funds can be distributed to individuals who need additional support. Any team member is welcome to request additional funds as DPC does not want finances to be the reason someone does not go on this trip. If you would like to make a request for additional funds from the Missions Committee, contact Jeff Heiser at jheiser@downtownpres.org.

Payment Timeline: all payments are tax-deductible

Due at registration: \$100 (non-refundable)

Due April 30: 50% of total, \$1,750

Due May 31: remaining balance, \$1,750

Total payment: \$3,600

Short Term Missions Training:

Part of your commitment to growth on this trip is participation in four STM training sessions prior to departure. You are expected to attend all four of these trainings. They will be 8:30-10:00am one Saturday a month from February to May. Three of those trainings will be focused on a philosophy of STMs and best practices for our trip. The fourth training will be focused on preparing our providers for clinic in Bukeka—reviewing common illnesses and treatments, setting expectations, and learning a few helpful phrases in Luganda (their primary language).

Additionally, during the trip, we will debrief, individually each day, and as a group on the last night of the trip.

Passports & Travel Documentation:

A valid US Passport is required for all travelers to Uganda. Visit https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html/passport_1738.html to find all necessary forms to renew or apply for a passport. Cost of passports is not included in costs.

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A single entry tourist visa is also required. Visit <https://immigration.go.ug/services/tourist-visa> to apply. You will need a passport sized photograph, a valid passport, your travel itinerary (flight information), and your yellow immunization card with proof of yellow fever vaccine. Please make sure to apply for a *tourist* visa.

Medical Documentation:

The process for obtaining a temporary medical license in Uganda is tedious for first-time travelers, so please begin gathering these documents as soon as possible.

1. CV
2. Passport sized photo
3. Certificate of Good Standing/Medical license
4. Three letters of reference (the physicians on the trip will write each other's LORs)
5. Certified medical school diploma
6. Certified medical school transcripts
7. Letter from FBI. Visit <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/identity-history-summary-checks#Online> to begin application for your background check. Quick tip: you will need to get fingerprinted at the Greenville police station on McBee.

Medical certification is only required for physicians so other medical personnel do not need to worry about gathering these documents. Also, for those who have gone before, it is a simple process of resubmitting the documents we already have. We will talk through any questions or concerns about this process at our first team meeting.

Immunizations:

The Missions Committee supports the immunizations that are recommended by the Center for Disease Control. Visit the [CDC's website for Uganda](#) to review recommended immunizations prior to travel. Consult with your doctor for further recommendations.

- Vaccinations are not included in the price of the trip.
- Recommended vaccinations for all trips: Hepatitis A and B
- Recommended vaccinations for Uganda: Malaria and Typhoid
- Required vaccinations for all trips: Tetanus/Diphtheria
- Required vaccinations for Uganda: Yellow Fever

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Team Registration:

Registration will open on October 16th, 2023 at 8:00am and be open through October 31st or until the number of spaces are full. There is space on this trip for 16 individuals. The team will be decided no later than November 6th.

Applications can be found at www.downtownpres.org/stm.