



Uganda Missions Experience

Tentative dates:

Thurs June 26 – Mon July 7

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UGANDA MISSION TEAM SUMMER 2025

Leader: Ian Clancy

Thank you for your interest in Creekside's 2025 Summer team experience to our partners in Uganda.

For 10 years Creekside has partnered with **Kitigoma Community Church**, supporting their ministry and outreach.

Kitigoma is a small town 20 minutes down the Pan-African Highway from the city of Jinja. It is a hub for farming, and a sizeable portion of the population are Muslim. Islam and Christianity are the two dominant religions in Uganda. Families also align closely with their tribal groups, rooted in the ancestral histories before colonialism.

Through *International Teams Canada*, our collaboration unfolds through the work of **KCC** and **God's Gift School**. Here, the focus extends beyond education – it's about holistic development. Through this partnership, we aim to uplift the individual child and the entire community, fostering sustainable growth and positive transformation. A new initiative, the Safe Water Project, aims to bring water filters and clean water to vulnerable families in rural communities around Kitigoma and Jinja.

Jinja Connection, another *iTeams Canada* partner, works in Kitigoma and Jinja, reuniting children living on the streets with their families, and providing education and necessities to hundreds of children, families and seniors. These efforts extend their reach to encompass comprehensive initiatives such as education, daily meals, clean water, and invaluable community support.

It's not just about providing immediate solutions; it's about fostering long-term change and resilience, and all of this rooted in the Gospel and the Church.

<https://www.iteams.ca/impact-programs/uganda>

What will the Creekside Missions Team be doing?

The team will serve and work alongside our partners, through serving meals, assisting in construction projects, distributing family aid kits, helping run a medical clinic, participating in church services and small groups, interacting with children and youth, and sharing and hearing the stories and testimonies of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our prayer for you as part of this trip is that you would experience God's presence and power in your own life as you prepare, train, fundraise and serve together with your team.

We also pray that as a result of this experience you will return to your life in Canada with a renewed passion for missions, and especially for our partner church in Uganda.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO MISSIONS TRIPS AT CREEKSIDE:

- **Apply online by completing the intake form at <https://forms.gle/xHPSJQuRaCwWYahZ6>**
- **The team size will be capped at 18 persons**
- Our leaders will interview each applicant and do thorough reference checks.
- Due to the rigors of travel and challenges of cross-cultural interaction, we will prayerfully consider each applicant and make decisions that are in the best interests of the team, our Ugandan partners, and the applicant.

What else do I need to know?

- Each team member will be required to have a **written testimony** or "my story" for the purpose of team connection and personal evangelism preparation.
- **PLAN TO PROTECT:** If you will be age 18 or over as of Dec. 31, 2024 you must get a **Police Check** done and forwarded to your team leaders before they can fully process your application. We will provide a request letter for each applicant who needs a police check, therefore getting it at a reduced rate of \$10. An application will not be fully processed without the police check. All team members will undergo Plan to Protect training.
- Please understand and be willing to accept the leadership of your team leader(s). They have been approved and entrusted by the Missions Team and Elders to lead this missions trip. Although opinions may differ from time to time, you are subject to the leader's direction while in preparation for and during the trip. Unity, submission and servant-hearts are essential to the success of the mission.
- **Attendance is mandatory for all team meetings.** Emergencies and other sound excuses are subject to judgment by the team leaders; having previous trip experience is no excuse to miss a meeting. See below for the training meeting calendar. Please schedule these times on your calendar as they will be given to you well in advance. Failure to attend these meetings could result in removal from participating on the trip WITHOUT refund.
- Being part of a short term missions team means taking on some specific assignments and/or responsibilities during the training and through the time of the trip. Team members will be responsible to follow through with any assignments and responsibilities agreed upon and distributed by the team leaders.
- **FUNDRAISING:** Every team member is expected to raise their personal funding amount, through asking family/friends/co-workers for donations. While a team member may be able to pay some or even all of their own way, we encourage everyone to invite others to not only support you with prayer,

but also to invest in your ministry financially as well. People pray for what they pay for! In addition to this, the team **may** work together to raise funds to go into the team's general fund. All team members are expected to fully participate in whatever fundraising project the team agrees together to undertake. All fundraising projects being undertaken on Creekside premises **MUST** have the written approval of the Missions Team in advance. Your team leaders and trainers will give you more information on this at the first training meeting.

- **All money given towards a trip is non-refundable.** Please bear in mind that if for any reason you do not end up going, all the money that you and your donors have given cannot be refunded.
- International Teams oversees our trip budget and fundraising. Please be sure you have read through the terms and conditions regarding the trip cost, fundraising, non-refundability, and trip cancellation policies.

Important Dates to remember: (attendance mandatory at all meetings)

Meeting times are Noon-2p on Sundays at Waterloo Campus unless otherwise noted*

Sunday Dec 1- TEAM FORMED and all members confirmed

Sunday Dec 8 - 45 minute Intro Meeting

Sunday Jan 19 - Team Meeting 1

Sunday Feb 9 - Team Meeting 2

****Sunday evening Mar 23 - Celebration of Missions event featuring both Quito and Uganda teams****

Sunday Mar 30 - Team Meeting 3

Sunday Apr 13 - Team Meeting 4 (*Resource Centre) (possible fundraising day at Campuses)

Sunday May 4 - Team Meeting 5 (possible fundraising day at Campuses)

Sunday Jun 22 - Team Commissioning onstage (Waterloo) & Team Meeting 6

Thurs June 26 – Departure from YYZ, arrival in Jinja approx. 24 hours later.

Monday July 7 – Return to YYZ, likely early morning.

Sunday Aug 31 – Celebration Event (invite Supporters to join us) – team to report on the trip and all that happened.

What is the cost?

- BASIC TRIP COST **\$4,000 *to be confirmed**
(inc. travel medical insurance, flight, food, accommodations, bus transportation, admin, host/translator fees, team shirts, bus to/from Toronto airport)

- Passport* & photos one \$97 *if you don't already have one
- (*Expiry date on current passport must be no less than January 2026)
- Police Check (age 18+) \$10 *with request letter
- Immunizations \$100-\$400*
- *Based on your previous immunization history.
Some of the immunization shots may be covered under your work benefits; check!
- Your own **US** spending money \$100 recommended

What is the travel time and time difference?

1. Expect to be in transit for **at least** 20 hours, from Waterloo to Pearson, Toronto to Entebbe Airport, and then from Entebbe to Jinja via bus.
2. Uganda time is 7 hours ahead of us during the summer.

What Vaccines do I need?

Hepatitis A & B, typhoid, malaria, yellow fever and polio are a risk. You will also want to be sure that you have sufficient quantities of any other medications that you regularly use or anticipate needing.

The Region has several travel clinics that will provide the specifics on what you need or should consider getting.

See <http://chd.region.waterloo.on.ca/en/clinicsclassesfairs/travel.asp>

***There is a consultation fee*

***Appointment bookings are at least one month in advance, so it is VITAL to book your appointment at least 4 months before the trip departure date*

Immunizations for Uganda are based on Health Canada's recommendations for travel into that particular region. See <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>.

What are the accommodations like?

Teams are hosted in hostels, with bedding and towels provided. You will need to be willing to room with others of the same gender and share bathroom facilities. Transportation will be by van or mini-bus.

What should I know about food?

1. You will be well fed, you can expect a lot of foods you will be familiar with, including some unique dishes like chiapati bread, posho, sukumawiki (collard greens), and samosas. Ugandans enjoy all kinds of meats, as well as fish, eggs and potatoes.
2. Bottled water will be made available in abundance.

What is this weather like?

The daily temperature is around 28-32 degrees Celsius, low humidity, with chance of rain.

What luggage can I bring?

1. One (1) suitcase per person to be checked in, plus one (1) carry-on bag/backpack with sufficient supplies in case your luggage does not arrive when you do (it happens!)
2. Each team member is also expected to be responsible for one (1) duffel bag of supplies being brought down by the team.
3. Other equipment as needed by the team (eg. Musical instruments, sound equipment, tools etc. that require special handling).