



# UGANDA MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

SUMMER VISION TRIP  
JULY 2018

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED SOON!



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# UGANDA EQUIPPING TEAM SUMMER 2018

**Leaders: Becky Bertrand & Braden Jones**

**Proposed Dates: July 2018 (up to 12 days, to be confirmed)**

WHAT IS OUR EMBRACE UGANDA PARTNERSHIP AND WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Thank you for your interest in Creekside's 2018 Summer team experience to work alongside of our partners in the Jinja area of Uganda, East Africa.

**The trip dates will be confirmed soon. You can count on up to 12 days in July. Final dates depend on airline schedules and flight costs.**

The general focus of our trip will be to serve and work with our partners, Pastor Robert and Justine Mukalazi, through serving meals, assisting in a construction project, distributing life saving family kits in the remote village of Kitigoma, helping run a medical clinic, and other serving opportunities as needed. The purpose for our trip aligns with Creekside's policy on missions in that we, as a church, feel God calls us to come alongside of our partners in the ministry they provide rather than setting our own agenda. As such, the details of our trip are finalized only after consultation with Robert and Justine closer to the trip date.

Pastor Robert and Justine run a church, school and outreach programs in the village of Kitigoma, 15km west of Jinja, Uganda. Kitigoma is an area with a mainly Muslim population. To have a Christian church and school operate in their midst acts as a lighthouse to the residents of their community and continually sees new church members as well as students learning the bible along with the 3Rs.

Join us as we continue serving our brothers and sisters in Christ half a world away!

**\*\*If after reading through this information you have any questions, or would like to fill out an application form, or even just to be on the 'interested list' please contact Rob Gast at [rob.gast@creeksidechurch.ca](mailto:rob.gast@creeksidechurch.ca)**

## **POLICIES & PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO MISSIONS TRIPS AT CREEKSIDE:**

Our goal is to make sure that each Creekside missions trip is a valuable and positive experience for each participant of Creekside **and** for our partner church in Kitigoma. The following policies and procedures are meant to help unite and prepare each team so that Creekside missions trips have the greatest impact possible.

### **How do I get started?**

- Carefully read through this information. Any questions? Ask Rob Gast
- Fill out the Short Term Mission Application Form and forward it to Rob Gast [rob.gast@creeksidechurch.ca](mailto:rob.gast@creeksidechurch.ca)
- Will you be 18 yrs as of Dec 31, 2016? You will need a police check.
- Prepare a cheque for the \$200 deposit payable to Creekside Church.

- **Please note: a filled out application form and deposit ready to give does NOT guarantee a spot on the team.**
- You will be interviewed, references checked, and the Missions Team and trip team leaders will be evaluating applications and selecting the team.

### 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, 2016 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 outline. The exact dates and times will be given by the team leader at the information meeting. 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.

- Be aware of the possibility that pricing for the missions trip could increase due to circumstances beyond our control (ie. fluctuating exchange rates). We assure you that Creekside will do everything possible to make each missions trip as affordable as possible without ever compromising the safety and quality of experience for any missions trip participant.

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

1. Deposit of \$200 with Application (will be processed **if chosen** for the team) and \$10 Police Check (18+): December 10, 2017
2. Shots required by: May 1, 2018
3. Passport required by: As Soon As Possible
4. Team will be formed and everyone informed: January 2018
5. Monthly Training Meeting 1 Sunday Jan 28 11:15a -1 pm
6. Monthly Training Meeting 2 Sunday Feb 25 11:15a -1 pm
7. Monthly Training Meeting 3 Sunday Mar 25 11:15a – 1 pm
- 8. \$1700 installment due from each team member – Mar. 25, 2018**
9. Monthly Training Meeting 4 Sunday April 22 11:15a- 1 pm
- 10. Monthly Training Meeting 5 Sunday May 27 11:15a – 1 pm**
- 11. \$1000 installment due from each team member – June 3, 2018**
12. Commissioning Sunday & Pack Party (the Sunday prior to departure)
  
13. Trip (dates to be confirmed)
14. Team debrief/evaluation (Sunday morning in July – to be confirmed)
15. Team and Family Potluck Celebration and Debrief – to be confirmed

**What is the cost?**

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| - BASIC TRIP COST  | \$2,800                             |
| (inc. travel medical insurance, flight, food, accommodations, bus transportation, admin, host/translator fees, team shirts, bus to/from Toronto airport) |                                     |
| - Passport* & photos<br>one  | \$97 *if you don't already have one |
| (*Expiry date on current passport must be at least six months after the <u>end of the trip</u> )   |                                     |
| - Police Check (age 18+)   | \$10 *with request letter           |
| - Immunizations  | \$100-\$400*                        |
| *Based on your previous immunization history.<br>Some of the immunization shots may be covered under your work benefits; check!                          |                                     |
| - Your own US spending money   | \$100 recommended                   |

## **Notes about payment...please read CAREFULLY!**

1. Deposit of \$200 must accompany the application form. If you are selected to be on the team, the cheque will be processed. If not, it will be returned to you.
2. All cheques are to be made out to **Creekside Church**, indicating your name and "Summer 2018 Uganda Mission Trip". All money given towards a trip is non-refundable.
3. **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.
4. The Creekside financial office will provide you with a list of the names of your donors for you to follow up with and thank. They are unable to also provide the amount each donor gave due to privacy.
5. Any additional dollars after expenses have been paid or any overpayments to your account will go directly toward the team's fund. ie. If the estimated main travel cost is \$2800 and actual expenses ended up at \$2600 by the trip date, that additional \$100 will go directly to your team's fund. Or if you raised \$3000, the extra \$400 would go directly to the fund. Any remaining donation funds after all expenses have been covered are directed to Embrace Uganda.
6. Full payment for the missions trip must be made by the given due dates.
7. In the event that Creekside's Missions Team and the Elders choose to cancel the trip (ie. not enough people to go on trip, unsafe travel/environment in country of destination), any dollars given by you towards the trip will NOT be refunded. Being a charitable organization, Creekside does not issue refunds for contributions given. However, you can choose to carry over those dollars to another missions trip to Uganda that Creekside is offering during the same year or to a trip during the next year not exceeding one fiscal year. You may also choose to direct the donation to Creekside's Embrace Uganda fund.

## **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. Your team leaders will keep you up to date on details if and as they change.

## **What should I know about the meals?**

1. You will be well fed,
2. The facility is not equipped for special diets such as vegetarian. You eat what is provided.
3. You may want to bring snacks like nutrient bars.
4. Most water in Uganda is contaminated. Don't drink it. Only drink bottled water or pop which is provided to you there.

## **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).