

# Biltmore Church | Missions

## Uganda - Okoa Refuge

### Trip Information

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**Trip Dates:** May 21st, 2026 - May 30th, 2026

**Type:** Short-term, International

**Cost:** \$4000

**Who can Go:** College Students, Young Adults, Adults

**Trip Spots:** 25

### Trip Info

#### Vision:

Join us as we serve alongside Okoa Refuge and partner with them in their mission to glorify Christ by stabilizing the family unit and transforming entire communities with the Gospel. On this trip, we will have a strong focus on evangelism through various activities like hospital visits, prison ministry, children's ministry, and medical clinics. There will also be opportunity for construction, such as building mud houses, painting, and repairs.

We believe that one day people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship God around His throne. It is estimated that Uganda has a population of approximately 42.8 million and is the size of Oregon. This African country has many religions and witch doctors have a heavy influence on the culture. We pray that as we go to Uganda, people will have open ears to hearing the Gospel and will have a deeper understanding of the truth found in Jesus.

#### What's Expected:

As a team member joining our partners in Uganda, you will play a key role in sharing the Gospel in many different contexts. You will have the opportunity of joining in one-on-one relational ministry, while engaging with people of all ages. Expectations include:

- **Evangelism** - A heavy part of this trip is evangelizing to men, women, and children. Be prepared to share the Gospel in contexts such as hospitals, in children's ministry, churches, and as you are exploring the city.

- **Maintain flexibility** - Scheduled activities are subject to change due to various factors so maintaining a spirit of flexibility allows you to be open to any changes God may have for your team.
- **Care** - Serving on a short-term mission trip is a great way to serve and care for our long-term missionaries. Offering to cook a meal, watching their children so they can go out, cleaning, game nights, etc., are all great ways to care for our missionaries on the field.
- **Show Up** - Be present for all pre-trip and post-trip meetings as well as all in-country activities. We want you to make the most of your time as you engage the nations with the hope of the gospel.

### **Team Meetings (Minimum of 3) and Dates:**

- **Team Building / Trip Vision** - Date & Location TBD
- **Logistics / Team Building** - Date & Location TBD
- **Evangelism Training / Ministry Prep** - Date & Location TBD
- **Celebration Dinner & Debrief** - Date & Location TBD

### **Requirements**

- **Prerequisites**
  - Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally.
  - Must get the Yellow Fever vaccine and any other recommended vaccines by the government.
  - Must complete kids ministry training.
  - Must complete a background check.
- **Responsibilities**
  - Carry yourself at all times as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
  - Engage with people from other cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
  - Comfortability initiating and facilitating spiritual conversations.
  - Commitment to hearing from God through his Word on your decision to go on this trip.
- **Medications**
  - **Required:** Yellow Fever vaccine (not included in your fundraising costs)
  - **Highly Recommended:** Malaria Prophylaxis
  - Check the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website for any other recommended vaccines.

- **Visa / Passport**

- Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally. Visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) for more information on applying for a passport.
- A visa is required for entry into Uganda and is not covered by your fundraising cost. The cost is \$50 which will be paid online via: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> - Your team will apply for visas together.