

Uganda Mission Trip 2026 Application



James 1:27 “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”

Purpose:

Our Vineyard team will work alongside the Hope for Joy Foundation, a Christian organization located in Entebbe, Uganda. Hope for Joy partners with the Nkumba Primary School and the Nkumba Presbyterian Church, and helps to provide food, clothing, counseling, education and medical support for orphans or those children who come from poverty-stricken families.

Our team will provide support, encouragement and tangible relief for these children and families—the trip could include working with students on projects, teaching in classrooms, helping with activities like crafts and sports; doing home visits to students and families, including prayer and evangelism; as well as construction or gardening projects.

When: September 23 - October 2, 2026

**final dates could move one day forward/back, depending on flight arrangements.*

Trip Cost: \$2,700 - \$3,000 (*dependent on the cost of flights*)

Due in 3 payments:

- \$400 due with application by Sunday, February 15, 2026 (with application)
- \$800 due by Sunday, April 5, 2026
- Balance due by Sunday, August 23, 2026

Please note: We encourage you to raise financial and prayer support from your family, friends, and others for this mission trip! We will provide sample letters and encouragement along the way. If you plan to raise financial support, please let us know. The Vineyard will accept donations on your behalf for the mission trip but only for the mission trip fee; not for additional costs listed below. Also, please DO NOT begin to raise support before you are accepted on the trip.

Trip Leader: Pastor Kathy Smarrella

Requirements: Applicants will need to meet the following requirements:

- Regular Attender at The Vineyard Church
- This trip is open to adults ages 18 and older
- Valid Passport or proof of application for passport due by April 1, 2025 (FYI: allow 6 weeks and approx. \$150 for your passport)
- Good spiritual and physical health

Included in Trip Cost: Airfare and other transportation, Housing/Hotel, Food while in Africa, Entry Visa's, Health & Emergency Evacuation Insurance

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Additional personal expenses not included in the Trip Cost:

- Food while traveling in U.S. and Europe
- Cost for immunizations & medication (Required: Yellow Fever, Typhoid, DPT, Hepatitis A&B, anti-malaria)
- Passport costs (FYI: allow 6 weeks and approx. \$150 for your passport)
- Spending money for souvenirs or to give away

Living Arrangements for the team:

- Housing will be at a mission house, located near the school the team will be serving in. There will be bunk beds for men and women, food will be provided for the team at the house. Bedding will be provided; team members will need to bring their own towels. Bathrooms will be shared.

Application Instructions: Complete and return the application to the Resource Center, the Church Office or Kathy Smarrella with a \$400 deposit and a copy of your passport by Sunday, February 15, 2026. You will be notified no later than February 22, if you are accepted on the team; there are very limited spaces available, so it is possible that not everyone will be accepted for this trip. If you are not selected for this trip, your deposit will be refunded. If you are accepted, no refunds will be given (and there is an expectation that you will cover the full cost of the plane tickets after they are purchased).

*Please note the team meeting date above and save the date on your calendar when you turn in your application!

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Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse or Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt size: _____

Do you have a valid passport? Yes/No

If yes, please include passport number: _____

Passport date of expiration: _____

When did you begin coming to The Vineyard Church? _____

Are you currently an active member of Team Vineyard? Yes/No

Please list the teams at The Vineyard Church that you are currently serving on:

Please describe why you are interested in going on this mission trip to Uganda:

Have you ever participated in any of Vineyard's local outreach projects? Yes/No

If yes, please list which ones and when:

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Have you ever participated in other local/regional outreach projects? Yes/No
If yes, please describe when and what:

Have you ever been on an international mission trip before? Yes/No
If yes, please explain where, when and with which group:

Do you speak a language other than English? Yes/No If yes, please describe your fluency:

Please list any additional special skills and abilities you have that could be used on a mission trip to Uganda:

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Personal Testimony

What's your story? . . . (PLEASE FILL THIS OUT EVEN IF WE HAVE ONE ON FILE AT THE CHURCH)

Are you currently investigating Christianity? Are you looking to brush up on the basics? Are you a new Christian? Do you have a close and personal relationship with Jesus? What is your Christian Testimony? How, where, and when did you become a follower of Jesus? What does your present Christian walk look like?

... Where are you currently in your discovery of God?

Signature

Printed Name

Date