

## Seeking God's Team for Uganda '19

# UGANDA

**Dr. Michael Okwakol  
sharing with the  
children.**



## 2019 Uganda First Interest Meeting - 01.27.19

Welcome to the Information Meeting for Uganda 2019. Thank you for your interest in serving alongside Ugandan pastors, leaders, and community members. This truly can be a life changing experience and we are so glad you are considering this trip.

Our trip leaders for the 2019 Uganda Mission Trip are Kathie Burgess and Michael Hodge. Our team leaders and many of our team members have been on previous trips to Uganda, as well as numerous other international mission trips, and look forward to welcoming a new team this year to serve in Uganda as "Hands of Kindness".

The purpose of our first meeting is to give an overview of the trip. We hope that this information will clarify your decision about participating in this trip.

### **Berea First Baptist Church & Hands of Kindness Children's Ministry**

This trip is a partnership of Hands of Kindness Children's Ministry & Berea First Baptist Church. Hands of Kindness will take a much more central role in this year's trip as Kathie Burgess will be handling the logistics, planning, and assisting with training. Hands of Kindness continues the work in Uganda all year long. This partnership utilizes the best of both ministries in order to impact the lives of children in Uganda.

This trip is always open to followers of Christ actively involved in the local church. That is the joy of partnering with Hands of Kindness as the reach of this ministry extends well beyond one single church. We are excited you are joining us!

### **First Interest Meeting**

Berea First Baptist Church  
& Hands of Kindness  
February 2019



## Continuing the Great Work

Our 2017 Uganda Team was able to accomplish a great work through the various gifts of our team members. We were able to offer a vision clinic, medical clinic, Pastors Conference, Children's VBS, and worked on the construction of the dorm. In addition, several of the team members were able to go out in the community to share Christ through evangelism in door-to-door witnessing.

Our work was centrally located in the Koreng village, but our teams served in several other neighboring communities.

For 2019, we are looking forward to continuing the great work that took place during our last trip - and that has continued since. We are grateful that the work does not stop just because we cannot physically be present.

**As we return, there is so much to be done...**

- We want to continue the work on the dorm. The dorm has come so far in the last few years!
- We have the support needed to offer another great vision clinic. As was said in 2017... Kathie may never get away from doing these clinics!
- There is always a great need for medical attention.
- The Pastors need encouragement and training to keep doing the work.
- We are believing that there are many things that GOD is going to show us this year through this team.

**Thank you for considering your role in serving the amazing people in rural Uganda.**

# Serving on a Ministry Team

We have been incredibly blessed to have a variety of skills on every trip! That allows us to do four different ministries at the same time. You will have the opportunity to serve on one of these ministry teams as we work in Uganda.

## Vision Clinic

Our Vision Clinic screens patients each day fitting them with either prescription or reading glasses. Team members will be trained on how to assess each patient and provide them with the correct glasses. We screened over 3,000 people in 2016. You will be busy!

## Medical Clinic

Our Medical Clinic provides attention to the children of a nearby school. This checkup is a crucial aspect of the health of these children. With over 700 kids, this team remains busy every day!

## Pastors Conference

Each year, around 40 pastors and leaders come to be encouraged and equipped.

## Children's Ministry

Our ministry began with children and we continue to impact the lives of children today! You will have the opportunity to play games, do activities, and teach a Bible lesson with a large group of children.

## Construction

As the Hands of Kindness Dorm nears completion, this year will likely focus on projects related to finalizing this new building.

## Evangelism

Each team member is expected to be trained and prepared to share their faith throughout the trip.

# TRAINING

All of our training will take place at Berea First Baptist Church in the "Patio Room" - located directly across from the gym (beneath church offices). All training dates are mandatory for all team members. Any missed dates will be the responsibility of the team member to make up that date.

## Training One

March 17 - 3pm to 5:30pm

## Training Two

April 28 - 3pm to 5:30pm

## Training Three

May 19 - 3pm to 5:30pm

## Organizational Meeting

*Organizing VBS & Clinics, Evangelism*  
June 9 - 3pm (If Needed)

## Uganda 2019 Payments

# SCHEDULE

\*New for 2019 - Make all checks payable to *Hands of Kindness Children's Ministry*.

Tentative Cost: \$3200.00

Feb. 10 - \$200 Deposit Due

March 10 - \$500.00

April 5 - \$650.00

May 7 - \$650.00

June 2 - \$650.00

July 3 - \$550.00

*Please make final payment during the first week of July.*

Communication is crucial during the payment process. It is very important that we know where you are in the process of fundraising.

Please do not underestimate the impact of sending out letters announcing your trip. We have seen examples time after time where people were willing to give small gifts (\$10, \$25, \$50) simply because people announced to their family and friends that they were going.

It is beneficial to include an addressed and stamped envelope. A team member did this for our last trip and more utilized this than ever before!



**When & Where:** Last Week July to First Week August - Koreng, Uganda. Dates will vary based on availability of flights. Scheduled 07/25 to 8/07.

**Why Uganda?** It is where the vision for Hands of Kindness Children's Ministry first began. Uganda has 2 1/2 million orphans who desperately need help, pastors/leaders who are hungry for training, and a community that greatly benefits from basic medical/vision services we can offer.

**Trip schedule:** Our days are packed with lots of activity and work, but you will enjoy the opportunities to get to know your new Ugandan friends. You can and will make a difference in the lives of these children! We will talk more at our meetings about our daily plans and how we can prepare. We will stay in the Okwakol family Guest House.

**Pre-trip Schedule:** Once we have established a team and the viability of our 2019 trip, we will begin pre-trip meetings. Our pre-trip meetings are held at Berea First Baptist Church and we meet once a month beginning in March through June. Due to the high cost of our flights, the payments are higher than most trips and come quite frequently. *Please note the DEPOSIT date of Feb. 10. This is a nonrefundable deposit.*

**Reflections on Previous Trips:** We have the benefit of the majority of our team members being "alumni". We will lean on their experiences both today and throughout our training.

**Team Leaders:** Kathie Burgess & Michael Hodge  
Medical Clinic Ministry Team Leader - Tina Wommack  
Construction Ministry Team Leader - Steve Burgess  
VBS Ministry Team Leader - Amy Coleman  
Vision Clinic Ministry Team Leader - Kathie Burgess