



Springs Church
February 2011
Watoto Team Build





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Uganda, Africa

We have been given a great opportunity to help! We are putting a team of volunteers together to go to Watoto in Uganda, Africa and help with the many build projects they are needing done. This will be a life-changing experience for anyone taking part in this Build Team trip. The approximate dates would be February 11 – 25, 2011.

Attached you will find information that will help to answer your questions. We will also be getting together for an Information Evening on Wednesday, September 22 to go over more details and again answer any questions.

Please submit your name, email and phone number to the Information Centre or the church office if this is something you want to be part of. We will then contact you with the date of the Information Evening. This information is also available on line at www.springschurch.com.

You will notice in the information attached that Watoto has given us two opportunities to help. Our team can stay in Kampala and help at the Watoto Villages there or we can visit the Watoto Villages in Gulu, located in northern Uganda, and help with the many building projects they have been doing there over the last 3 years.

You are welcome to go to the Watoto website at www.watoto.com for more information about the amazing work that Pastors Gary and Marilyn Skinner have been doing in Uganda since 1982.

If you have any questions please contact Lynn Lewis at 233-7003 (extension 264) or llewis@springschurch.com.

This will be life-changing adventure!

Love,
Leon and Sally



Gulu Sample Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Entebbe (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 2 – Orientation and Village visits (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 3 – Watoto Church services and Village Visit or Bulrushes(Adonai Accommodation)

Day 4 - (Bus drives to Gulu) (Gulu Accommodation)

Day 5 – Build in Gulu (Gulu Accommodation)

Day 6 – Build in Gulu (Gulu Accommodation)

Day 7 – Build in Gulu (Gulu Accommodation)

Day 8 – Build in Gulu (Gulu Accommodation)

Day 9 – Build in Gulu (Gulu Accommodation)

Day 10 – Watoto Church in Gulu and Thank you meal?

Day 11 – Safari to Murchison (drive from Gulu to Parrar)

Day 12 – Safari at Murchison

Day 13 – Safari and then drive back to Kampala. (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 14 – Thank you meal in Watoto Village, craft markets (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 15 – Babies Home Visit (Adonai Accommodation), debriefing and departure

**Please note this itinerary is a SAMPLE only and is subject to change.
Typically your Day 1 would be to depart from Canada.**



Kampala Sample Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Entebbe (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 2 – Orientation and Village visits (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 3 – Watoto Church services & Village Visit

Day 4 – Build

Day 5 – Build

Day 6 – Build

Day 7 – Build

Day 8 – Build

Day 9 – Build

Day 10 – Watoto Church and Shopping/Leisure (could do a trip to the Equator)

Day 11 – Safari to Murchison (drive from Kampala to Parrar)

Day 12 – Safari at Murchison

Day 13 – Safari and then drive back to Kampala. (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 14 – Thank you meal in Watoto Village, craft markets (Adonai Accommodation)

Day 15 – Babies Home Visit (Adonai Accommodation), debriefing and departure

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Visit Africa Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What will the schedule consist of?*

The Watoto staff in Uganda will provide you with a full and detailed schedule upon arrival. In addition to the onsite building, some of the daily activities **may** include: attending church at Watoto Church, attending a local cell group, dinner with Watoto staff at local restaurant, shopping at a craft market, visiting the Watoto villages and spending time with the children, a traditional meal prepared by the Watoto housemothers.

2. *What type of accommodations will we stay in?*

All team members will stay in a local “guesthouse”. In most cases there are two people per room and each room **usually** has a private bathroom. Housekeeping services will be provided on a daily basis. The guesthouses are comfortable but basic. There is no air conditioning or heat, although temperatures are quite moderate throughout the year in Uganda. Watoto has no involvement in the operations of the guesthouses but have found the staff to be quite helpful and accommodating. The guesthouses are generally gated and have a 24-hour guard.

3. *Can we do laundry while in Uganda?*

Yes. Each morning your laundry will be collected and returned the same day or next day. This service costs \$10.00 US or 20,000 shillings for entire stay.

4. *What kind of power supply does Uganda use?*

Uganda uses 240-volt power supply. You will need either a converter or adapter depending on your appliance. The inverter is the same as used in the UK.

5. *How will we find our way around?*

A Ugandan chaperone will drive and accompany the team throughout the trip. The Watoto chaperones will accommodate the team however possible, but please be respectful of their time and try to allow them most evenings off.



6. *Where do we keep our valuables?*

All valuables will be collected at the orientation meeting when you arrive in Uganda. All money, passports, plane tickets will be kept at Watoto Church in a safe. We recommend that you keep cameras, etc. on your person, or nearby, at all times.

7. *What type of currency is used in Uganda?*

The currency used in Uganda is “shillings”. Please bring **USCASH** in the form of large bills. **The money exchangers prefer 50’s & 100-dollar bills printed in 2002 or newer.** We will make arrangements to have your money converted to shillings on the day of your arrival.

8. *What are the necessary inoculations and medications needed when traveling to Uganda?*

We recommend that you contact your local health department / tropical disease clinic or the W.H.O. (World Health Organization) for the most up to date information. Please contact your local Travel Clinic for an appointment.

9. *How do we get visas to enter Uganda?*

It is essential that you have a current passport. When you arrive at the Entebbe airport you will need to purchase a Visa from the customs official. The cost will be \$50 US. Please make sure you pay with bills printed in 2002 or newer..

10. *Will we have access to email while in Uganda?*

Yes, there are a few Internet cafés in Kampala. You can request that the driver take the entire team to the Garden Mall one evening to do some shopping, check email, etc.

11. *Will we be able to interact with the children? Are the children on site?*

In most cases the team will be working in active Watoto Villages. The children often stop by the job site to visit. If you would like to visit your sponsor child, please let the Watoto staff know before your trip and they will make the necessary arrangements. You are welcome to bring gifts for your child or child’s family. You will also be invited to join the Watoto housemothers when they prepare a traditional meal for you. This will give you another opportunity to meet the moms and Watoto staff.



12. Will we be able to communicate with the Ugandans in English?

In almost every situation you will be able to communicate with people in English. The Watoto children are educated in and speak English and most of the Watoto mothers also speak English.

13. Will we be able to attend Watoto Church for a church service?

Yes! Your team will visit the central Watoto Church location and one of the village or local churches on Sunday morning. This is an experience you do not want to miss!

14. What is the weather like in Uganda?

The weather in Kampala is very moderate throughout the year. Average temperatures are between 25 and 30 degrees Celsius.

15. What is the dress code?

There are no restrictions in dress. Ladies are permitted to wear shorts. Overall the dress is quite casual. You may wish to bring some “smart casual” clothes for church on Sunday. Bring at least one long sleeved item to protect yourself from bugs in the evening. Keep in mind; you will get **very dirty** on site.

A few very important requests from the Watoto Staff ...

- **We ask that you refrain from consuming any alcohol while in Uganda.**
- **Please be careful not to form intense relationships with Ugandan nationals.**

Although it may be tempting, we ask that you refrain from giving out any personal information (address, phone number, etc.) to people. This word of advice comes from awkward and uncomfortable experiences in the past.

You will have the opportunity to try many interesting and unique foods during the traditional meal, which will be prepared by the Watoto housemothers. It may not suit your tastes, but please receive it as a heart warming token of gratitude and be considerate of their hard work in preparing these meals.



Estimated Costs:

Airfare	\$1700 - \$2700	
Entry Visa	\$50USD	Paid Locally Upon Arrival
Donation	\$1,000	(can vary by build team)
Admin Fee	\$50	
Accommodation	\$920	(Includes 2 meals per day, bottled water and transportation)
Safari - 3 day 2 night	\$600USD	Paid Locally and optional
White Water Rafting	\$125USD	Paid Locally and optional
Total Costs	\$3720 - \$4720	
Optional Tours	\$600 - \$725	
Spending Money	\$100 - \$200	
Vaccinations	\$100 - \$400	

Costs are approximately \$140 less for a Kampala only itinerary.

***Please note you can add a flight to Gulu for an additional \$290USD per person. ***