

Participation Kit Uganda Mission Trip

I trust your funding is almost complete, your preparation is well underway and you are now ready to prepare for actual participation on the trip. These documents are phase 4, the participation phase. You should start working through these in a timely manner. If you have misplaced any of the previous documents or need extra copies of funding documents, email me bhayes409@aol.com and I will supply them. These materials have grown out of 18 years experience and perhaps your suggestion upon returning from this trip will add some new helpful data.

Again, please remember these documents are to help you participate in the short-term mission with some familiarity of the areas in which you find yourself. You are in a different culture, with different food, money, and social habits. Men hold hands with other men and it means nothing other than friendship. The traffic travels on the left side of the road so be careful where you look before crossing the road. Also, when going up and down stairs, stay to the left. Americans instinctively stay to the right.

Please find attached the following:

- ❑ **Overseas Travel Medical Coverage Options** - ACTI includes basic travel insurance for all who participate on our teams. You will find the following attached:
 - ❑ Seven Corners Africa Christian Training Institute Policy Notice. It provides the basic daily rates for the various levels of coverage (medical maximums, plus deductible chosen) and there is an age factor as well so that a given individuals daily rate might vary slightly. This sheet also contains a summary of coverage. Full details of coverage can be seen at <http://www.ugandamission.net/acti1/insur/7details.pdf>
 - ❑ Overseas Travel Medical Coverage Options sheet. ACTI provide \$25,000 Medical Max with \$500 deductible. If you would prefer additional coverage terms, please complete the form and return to Bob Hayes
- ❑ **On the Trip**, some comments, suggestions, Scriptures, and some praise song lyrics that are outgrowths from previous trips that have proven helpful
- ❑ **Personal Cash for Uganda**, some comments on cash to take in US dollars, using credit cards, etc.
- ❑ Information for **Uganda Customs** for arrival and departure, and information to help guide you through arrival at Entebbe Airport
- ❑ Information for US Customs upon your return to the United States
- ❑ There are several articles on the issue of financial aid and creating dependency. These items are not something you need to fully understand for the trip, but information that will help you put into perspective why there is such great need, both individual and national, and some insights from others on these issues. It will help you some in responding to the many, many requests for financial helps you will encounter.
 - ❑ **"When Helping Helps"** an article by a fellow Uganda Team Leader, Jim Sutherland, from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Jim has been involved in missions for over twenty years and hold a PhD. This article is Jim's response to a portion of the book **"When Helping Hurts"** by Drs. Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett, also of Chattanooga and friends of Jim. I agree with Jim's assessment that **"When Helping Hurts"** is an very good resource that should be read by those involved in short-term missions, but I also agree with Jim's response in **"When Helping Helps."**
 - ❑ **70 Observations on the Principles of African Personal Finance**, a list summary of a book by David Maranz entitled African Friends and Money Matters. Because of the poverty in Uganda, there is always a need for funds and people will continually be approached by those asking for financial help whether it be for school fees, medical bills, and just about anything else you can think of. It takes the wisdom of Solomon to discern when and how to help. This paper will give you some understanding of how Africans think along these lines. I should also add that responding to such a request with "I'll see what I can do!" is heard by African ears as it is a settled issue. To avoid this, I suggest using a statement like "It is my intention to see what can be done...."
 - ❑ **Aiding is Abetting, An interview with Dambisa Moyo**, Guernica Magazine – April 2009. Born in Zambia, Dambisa Moyo makes a convincing case that government to government financial aid does much more harm than good. I have personally spent much time in many very remote villages and have never seen any visible evidence of even one dollar of the millions and millions of dollars of aid reaching the poorest of the poor.
 - ❑ **It's Time To Get Serious About The Cycle Of Dependency in Africa** is an article that appeared in Mission Frontiers in 1993. Again, the purpose is to inform and stimulate thought and not a 100% endorsement of all that is written.
- ❑ **Uganda Team Card** - contains information you will need upon arrival, ACTI Guest House address (even if you are not staying there the whole time, it gives you an address to put on the arrival card for customs at Entebbe Airport. Additionally it provides phone numbers of various friends whom I have grown to know and trust who could help in an emergency. The financial exchange info is just so folks have some idea of how to compare costs. This sheet is still under construction and is being designed to fold up and put in a pocket of fanny pack...
- ❑ **Family sheet** contains contact and other emergency information (thankfully has never been needed) that you can leave behind for peace of mind