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Dear ?????

Cordial greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! This is to confirm your commitment to short term mission work next ?????????????? in Uganda, East Africa. This ministry is under the auspices and direction of the **AFRICA CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE**. **ACTI** has labored in Christian ministries in Uganda since 1983 under the leadership of Dr. Henry Krabbendam. Dr. K taught Bible and Theology at Covenant College for over thirty years and has made over seventy-five mission trips to Uganda.

ACTI has worked in Uganda with an extensive ministry of teaching, evangelism, medical service, church leadership training, marriage and family issues, women's issues, and outreach to students, orphans, children and youth. We have taken experienced construction teams and helped build churches, conference centers, schools, facilities for orphans and homes for pastors and their families. Our main objective is to strengthen and extend the church in Uganda in whatever venues are open to us by the invitation of the Ugandan churches and missionaries. **ACTI** is a Word and deed ministry that seeks to bring the love, compassion, and forgiveness of Christ to a hurting people.

Over the years, **ACTI** has found this ministry to be effective and by God's grace, has helped make a difference in the lives of many. Each year nearly one-hundred team members minister in Uganda under **ACTI**. We are an enabling ministry that always works with local churches and missionaries. Our student teams have had unlimited opportunities to share in Ugandan school and with children and youth in just about any setting you can envision. Just the appearance of an American youth in an area, guarantees a good crowd of Ugandan youth and many adults as well, which presents an excellent opportunity to share the love of Christ.

AIDS has devastated Uganda, and Janet Museveni, the First Lady of Uganda and a devout Christian, has publically praised the effect of American youth visiting Uganda and sharing the message of abstinence and faithfulness in helping Uganda lead the way among Sub-Saharan nations in reducing the rate of the spread of AIDS.

I first went to Uganda in 1992 and found it a marvelous opportunity for Christian ministry. English is the official language of Uganda so communication is rarely a problem. There are sixty-one tribal languages spoken in Uganda and English is the only language that allows communication across tribal lines.

ACTI is grateful that a person of your ability and commitment is available for this ministry. Ministry since 1982 has shown us that those who make this trip, their families, their home churches, and those who support and pray for them, all find this to be a great blessing.

Yours in Christ,



Robert S. Hayes
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How ministry costs for Uganda are determined

Costs vary based on a number of factors such as length of stay, number of venues served, how far apart the venues are, how many Ugandans attend, and even how many Americans are on the team. The example below shows how \$3,500 per team member would typically be utilized. Some venues require fewer funds, others more.

- **\$1,300 to \$1,800 air fare to Uganda and back (we fly as cheaply as possible)**
- **\$ 400 to \$ 600 for accommodations, food, and travel in Uganda**
- **\$1,400 to \$2,000 used for ministry in Uganda as explained below**
- **Team leaders raise their own funds and are not funded by team members**

Most of us are accustomed to having guests come and minister in our home churches. In such cases, the host church provides travel expenses, lodging and meals, and typically gives an honorarium. The Ugandan church is very poor (average annual family income is less than \$400) and as such, could never cover such costs. Therefore, we cover our own expenses and raise additional funds to provide scholarships, travel funds, food and lodging for Ugandans to participate in the events we conduct, we also help orphans, and assist in construction. A portion (3% or less of team funds) also helps maintain our Ugandan support staff. All ACTI functions in the US are handled by volunteers.

Some funds also go to purchase mosquito nets, cooking utensils, medications, medical fees, Bibles, pay school fees, buy seeds, and many other small items that help Ugandan families.