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Just a quick note to say I made it back home safe and sound and preached in Chattahoochee yesterday. The only issue is jetlag.

This was a good trip and I am looking forward to returning, most likely right after Easter with Michael Ottensman, an engineer from Germany. He has put a team together to help with a water project in Kyamagemule. There is a deep well at the church site but most of the church members live a long distance from the well, so helping them have clean water at home is an issue.

One interesting departure issue was a visit to the KLM Office at Entebbe Airport. I have become friends with some of the staff there and one of them said an unusual number of American's are leaving Uganda right now in face of their [February 18](#) elections. School usually opens the last week of January or the first week of February. But not this year. Many parents send their students to boarding school (better than local schools) but this year, parents don't want their kids away from home is violence breaks out after the elections. It is very doubtful violence will occur, but not impossible. I have been in Uganda on two occasions when demonstrations got out of hand. The proper reaction there is as it would be if you found yourself in a major American city when a demonstration gets out of hand. You just avoid that area.

The U. S. Embassy in Kampala has been sending out warning notices to Americans in Uganda and I have copied one below so you can what type notices are sent in such circumstances.

[KampalaUSCitizen@state.gov](mailto:KampalaUSCitizen@state.gov)

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Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Upcoming General Election in Uganda

# Travel Alert

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# UGANDA

**January 25, 2016**

The State Department alerts U.S. citizens residing in or traveling to Uganda to the upcoming general elections scheduled for [February 18](#), and local elections scheduled between [February 24](#) and March 10. U.S. citizens are urged to exercise caution and remain abreast of the security situation throughout the electoral period. This Travel Alert expires on March 31, 2016.

The State Department recommends U.S. citizens maintain a high level of security awareness leading up to, during, and following the election period. U.S. citizens should avoid political rallies, polling centers, demonstrations, and crowds of any kind as gatherings intended to be peaceful can become confrontational and turn violent. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Although there is no indication that U.S. citizens may be targets of violence, you are urged to exercise caution and stay current with media coverage of local events.

Monitor local media for any changes in the election schedule. General election results are expected to be announced within a week of the election. For more information about security conditions in Uganda, please see the [Country Specific Information page for Uganda](#).

For further information:

1. See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information for Uganda](#).
2. Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
3. Contact the U.S. Embassy in Uganda, located at Plot 1577 Ggaba Road, Kamapala, at :+(256)(0) [414-306-001](#) and +(256)(0)312-306-001 or e-mail at [KampalaUScitizen@state.gov](mailto:KampalaUScitizen@state.gov). The Embassy is open [Monday](#)-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and [Friday 7:30](#) – 12:30 a.m. For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call +(256)(0) [414-306-001](#) and ask to speak with the Embassy duty officer.
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