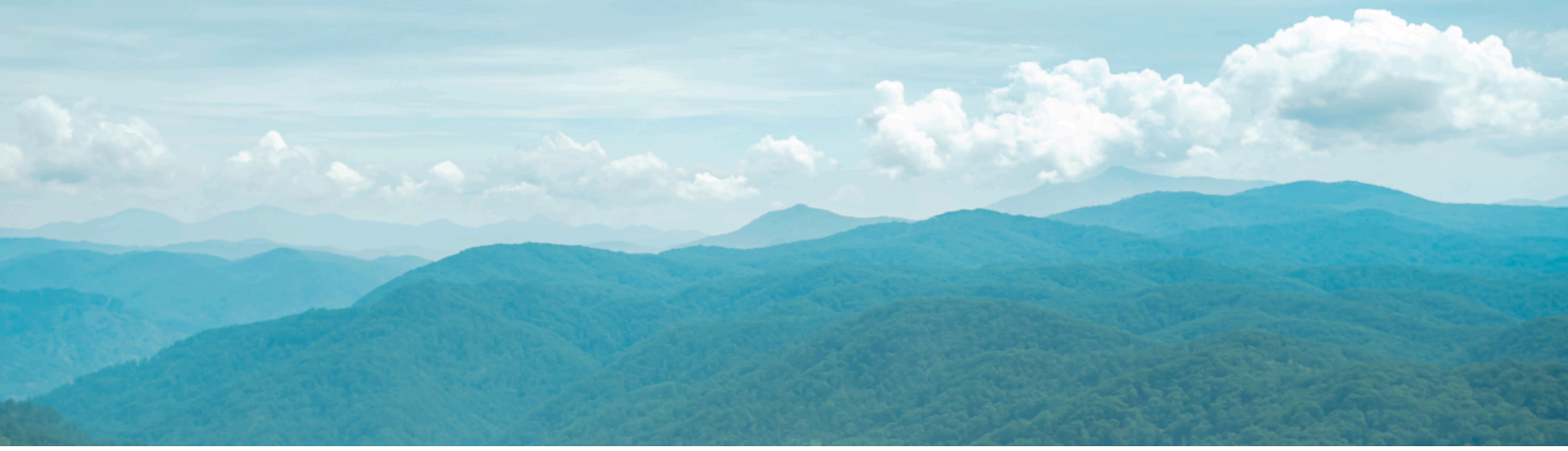




BILTMORE MISSIONS

UGANDA 2027 | May 20-29





A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRUCE

For “everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Romans 10:13-15

Thank you for considering a short-term mission trip with Biltmore Church! This is more than an opportunity to visit a new place. It's an opportunity to participate in something much bigger than yourself. From the very beginning to the last few pages of Scripture, and throughout human history, God accomplishes His mission by sending people who do know Him to people who don't know Him.

The reality is, in our community and around the world, there are people who don't know, and have no access to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is why Biltmore Church embraces the mission. We exist to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus who reach up, reach in, and reach out. We have been saved out of our sin, into a family, and onto a mission. We go, not because God needs our help, but because He delights in inviting His children into his mission to reach the world with the gospel.

God is at work around the world and we want to send the people of Biltmore Church out to be a part of what He is doing. We take mission trips each year to encourage our partners, engage in the work they're doing, and disciple our people to have a heart for the nations. I'm praying that God uses this trip to stir your heart up for His mission here in Western North Carolina and around the world.

Pastor Bruce

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OKOA REFUGE TRIP INFO

Trip Dates: May 20th, 2027 - May 29th, 2027

Type: Short-term, International, Evangelism

Cost: \$4000

Who can Go: College Students, Young Adults, Adults

Vision:

Join us as we serve alongside Okoa Refuge and partner with them in their mission to glorify Christ by stabilizing the family unit and transforming entire communities with the Gospel. On this trip, we will have a strong focus on evangelism through various activities like hospital visits, prison ministry, children's ministry, and medical clinics. There will also be opportunity for construction, such as building mud houses, painting, and repairs.

We believe that one day people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship God around His throne. It is estimated that Uganda has a population of approximately 42.8 million and is the size of Oregon. This African country has many religions and witch doctors have a heavy influence on the culture. We pray that as we go to Uganda, people will have open ears to hearing the Gospel and will have a deeper understanding of the truth found in Jesus.

Field Partner Website: www.okoarefuge.org

- **Religious Landscape:** There is a Gospel presence in Uganda. However, it fleshes itself out mostly in catholicism and anglican beliefs. Evangelicals equate to roughly 14% of the population. Witch doctors also have a heavy influence on the culture.
- **Cultural expectations:** Uganda has a very welcoming, family-oriented culture where relationships are valued and time is often spent building connection rather than rushing. People typically dress well, especially for church and formal gatherings, and your team is encouraged to do the same when participating in fellowship.
- **Evangelism method/strategy:** Three Circles and Personal Testimony
- **Sample schedule:** A typical day will include breakfast and a team devotion, followed by morning ministry activities. After lunch, the team will continue outreach or service projects, with evenings spent in debrief, dinner, and time to connect as a team.
- **Accommodations:** Teams will stay in a hotel located near Okoa Refuge.

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What's Expected

As a team member joining our partners in Uganda, you will play a key role in sharing the Gospel in many different contexts. You will have the opportunity of joining in one-on-one relational ministry, while engaging with people of all ages. Expectations include:

- **Evangelism** - A heavy part of this trip is evangelizing to men, women, and children. Be prepared to share the Gospel in contexts such as hospitals, in children's ministry, churches, and as you are exploring the city.
- **Maintain flexibility** - Scheduled activities are subject to change due to various factors so maintaining a spirit of flexibility allows you to be open to any changes God may have for your team.
- **Care** - Serving on a short-term mission trip is a great way to serve and care for our long-term missionaries. Offering to cook a meal, watching their children so they can go out, cleaning, game nights, etc., are all great ways to care for our missionaries on the field.
- **Show Up** - Be present for all pre-trip and post-trip meetings as well as all in-country activities. We want you to make the most of your time as you engage the nations with the hope of the gospel.

Requirements

- Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally.
- Must get the Yellow Fever vaccine.
- Must be able to walk an average of 20,000 steps per day
- Must complete kids ministry training.
- Must complete a background check.
- **Medications**
 - Required: Yellow Fever vaccine (not included in your fundraising costs)
 - Highly Recommended: Malaria Prophylaxis
 - Check the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website for any other recommended vaccines.
- **Visa / Passport**
 - Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally. Visit travel.state.gov for more information on applying for a passport.
 - A visa is required for entry into Uganda and is covered by your fundraising cost. The cost is \$50 which will be paid online via: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug> - Your team will apply for visas together.

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Team Meetings (Minimum of 3):

- Team Building / Trip Vision
- Evangelism Training / Ministry Prep
- Logistics / Team Building
- Celebration Dinner & Debrief

Responsibilities

- Carry yourself at all times as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Engage with people from other cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Comfortability initiating and facilitating spiritual conversations.
- Commitment to hearing from God through His Word on your decision to go on this trip.
- Fundraising- It is your responsibility to fundraise the total amount required.

Fundraising milestones

We believe fundraising is a crucial part of your mission trip. It invites others to be a part of what God is doing around the world and in you as well as teaches you that God will provide the funds for your trip. Below you'll find your fundraising milestones for this trip. These milestones are not meant to be seen as obstacles that stand in your way but as celebration markers of God's faithfulness as you get closer to your trip.

- Milestone 1 (25%): 1/10/27
- Milestone 2 (50%): 2/9/27
- Milestone 3 (75%): 3/6/27
- Milestone 4 (100%): 4/5/27

Please note that you cannot begin fundraising until you have completed the application and interview process and been accepted. Once accepted, you will receive access to a personalized participant portal, which must be used for all fundraising efforts.

APPLY ONLINE

Biltmorechurch.com/missions

