

1-Month UGANDA

IMMERSION

experience **mission**



What is **IMMERSION?**

IMMERSION is an opportunity for young adults (age 18-30) to step outside of the normal cadence of their lives in order to gain a broader picture of: 1) the world around you, 2) the way God works in that world, and 3) the value of relationships and quality service alongside people whose lives are just as valuable as your own.

Simply put, **IMMERSION** is about focusing on the “how we do it” of international ministry and service rather than just “what we do.” Our central focus is on the importance of **authentic relationships** as the keystone to healthy ministry, and engaging in what it means to truly “love our neighbor” as people of privilege in the 21st century.

Teams spend their time equally split between service opportunities, cultural immersion in the community, and relationship building with community partners and host families. This means there is plenty of space to give your time and attention to others—a necessary part of doing missions well—prioritizing people over the simply seeking out projects to complete.



UGANDA

Partners

Daniel and **Ruth Kasozi** are the founders of **Another Hope Children's Ministry** in the Wakiso District, in close proximity to Kampala. They have a vision for the ministry to become self-sufficient to continue caring for children and supporting their community.

Teams will help at the children's home doing daily tasks or assisting with homework, etc. and work on the farm taking care of livestock and crops, volunteer in elementary schools as a teacher's aid and alongside young adults in a vocational school setting. Teams may also be involved in a clean water project, helping to construct water containers in the community and surrounding areas.





WEEKLY Schedule

IMMERSION team schedule is approximate and subject to change leading up to the trip.

Monday-Friday, you'll start with breakfast around 7:30am, help get kids ready in the children's home for the day and then spend time volunteering in the different ministry areas under Another Hope until 4:30pm. You'll have some time to relax and get

ready for evening fellowship with the kids, have dinner, and then evenings on your own as a team.

Saturdays you will have off to debrief, rest, and explore the area.

Sundays you will assist in getting the children ready for church, which takes place on-site, and the rest of the day is free.





SAFETY

Measures

Safety is a huge priority for the IMMERSION program! We are up to date on all potential **safety concerns** in the countries where teams volunteer and would never send a team to a location where we have active concerns about their safety and wellbeing.

Experience Mission local staff and partners are **experienced residents** or welcome guests in the communities you are serving in, and they communicate to all team members the **safest way** to move about during their time on the program. Regular communication is also established between partners, team leaders, and EM U.S. Staff, allowing for quick responses to any emergencies should they arise.

For medical issues, IMMERSION team leaders are **CPR/First Aid** certified, and carry **trauma**

medical kits equipped to deal with a wide range of injuries and ailments.

In the case of a larger emergency, EM staff members will **support team members** by helping them communicate with home and making sure they get to a place to receive care.

Often, local **medical clinics** are a short distance from where team members are staying. However, outside of big cities, large hospitals can often be several hours away by vehicle. Team members would not be left to do this on their own.

To ensure medical care is readily accessible, EM secures **travel medical/evacuation insurance** for all team members. Participants are also required to come with a **Personal Emergency Fund**—a debit or

credit card with \$1,500 available and \$300 of reserve cash—in case they were to have a medical issue requiring upfront payment or need to **travel home** from the program unexpectedly. This amount may seem high, but it's purely a precaution. Most team members do not touch their emergency funds while on the trip.

Preventatively, during initial training, all team members are encouraged to enroll with **STEP** (Safe Traveler Enrollment Program) through the U.S. State Department. This allows team members and staff to receive official travel alerts if there is an issue in the region including political protests, civil unrest, increased crime, weather alerts, natural disasters, terrorism, or specific threats for foreign travelers.

An **emergency phone line** is also available to all emergency contacts.



HOUSING & Travel

You will stay together as a team in the **guest house** on Another Hope's property in Wakiso District. There are bunk beds with mosquito nets provided, bathrooms, and showers. **Wifi** is available but limited, so plan to only communicate with friends and family back home on weekends.

Daniel and Ruth will also arrange times for your team to **explore** the area and see more of their beautiful country. The equator is

close, so you may get to stand in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres at the same time!

Yellow Fever vaccine is required for entry into Uganda, and Malaria prevention medication is recommended by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC.) *For additional disease prevention information, please consult your personal physician and [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).*

