



Rafiki Africa Ministries

Providing hope and love through Jesus Christ

Short-Term Missionary (STM) Application Form

Mission Trip Information

Date Sending in Application:

First choice of trip dates:

Second choice of trip dates (if first choice is not available):

How long do you wish to spend in Uganda?

How did you hear about Rafiki Africa Ministries (short term missions.com, friend, church, etc.)?

Why are you interested in coming on a Short Term Mission trip to Uganda?

Passport Information

(This information is solely for booking travel itineraries in the future with our travel agent. This information will not be shared with anyone.)

Name (as on passport):

Date of Birth:

Passport #:

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Passport Issuing Country:

Major Airport City of Departure:

Personal Information

Marital Status:

Do you have children? If yes, how many and what ages?

Age as of Application:

Sex:

Nationality/Ethnicity:

Address:

Postal Code:

City, State/Country:

Home Telephone:

Mobile Telephone:

Email:

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? If yes, please give us full details:

Occupation/Work Experience:

Highest Level of Education:

If in college, what is your current major and what year of school are you in (freshman, sophomore, etc.)?

If in college, what do you intend to do once you have graduated?

What are you passionate about? Hobbies, etc.

Please give us a little more information about yourself so that we can get to know you (include information about your family and your interests):

What particular aspects of ministry are you interested in?

What was your family's initial reaction to your interest in a short-term mission trip in Uganda? Are they supportive?

List three of your strengths and three of your weaknesses. Explain how each one could contribute to a successful team dynamic and how each one could take away from a successful team dynamic.

Skills and Training

(Please Note: the following information is for the purpose of helping us organize the type of ministry and activities that will take place during the mission trip. It is not related to eligibility for participation in a Rafiki Africa Ministries mission trip.)

Do you have any special skills, training, or certifications that you have? Do you have any special training in any medical areas?

Do you play a musical instrument(s)? What type?

Do you have experience with any of the following?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching children | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministries/Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Leading Bible Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designing School Curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Daily Activities for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Music/Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Painting | |

Of the following tasks, what would you be interested in helping with?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Washing Dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Washing Clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing | |

Experience working with children is NOT required; however, please describe any previous experience you have working with children. Please include ages, type of work, and length of time:

Previous Travel or Mission Trip Experience

(It is okay if you have not traveled internationally before or been on previous mission trips. These questions are intended to give us more information about you.)

Define missions and what you consider to be the role of the short-term missionary.

Why do you want to go on a short-term mission trip?

Briefly describe any overseas travel experience you have had:

Briefly describe any previous mission trips (overseas or in country):

Uganda is a third world country and does not have all of the amenities and food you may be used to. Are you prepared to eat and live as Ugandans do while on your mission trip?

How do you want to grow through this trip?

Church Affiliation

(We are nondenominational but would like to know a little about your faith background.)

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

Please give a brief personal testimony of how you first became a Christian and your walk:

What are your spiritual gifts?

What talents do you have that can be utilized in the mission field?

Describe any church related experiences, ministry experiences, or leadership rolls which might have helped prepare you for mission work (Sunday school teacher, worship band, etc.):

How has your faith developed in the past year?

Name of Church:

Denomination:

Name of Head Pastor:

City, State/Country:

How long have you been a member of this church?

Emergency Contacts

Name:

Relationship to you:

City/State:

Country:

Primary Telephone #:

Alternate Phone #:

Email:

Name:

Relationship to you:

City/State:

Country:

Primary Phone #:

Alternate Phone #

Email:

Health Information

Health Insurance Company:

Policy Number:

Your Doctor's Name:

Telephone #:

City/State:

Country:

Medical Information

(This information will be kept confidential)

Please indicate any major medical conditions or surgeries you have had in the past 2 years:

Medications currently taking (prescription and non-prescription):

Please indicate any allergies to medication or food. Please state what type of allergic reaction you have:

Have you ever sought help for psychological difficulties (depression, eating disorders, abuse, etc.)? Are there any problems that still affect you today?

Please indicate any medical condition that your team leader should be aware of:

In the event medical treatment is required due to illness or injury during the term of my mission trip, I authorize *Rafiki Africa Ministries* to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.
2. Release the above provided information to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed necessary by a physician or other qualified medical personnel. This provision will only be invoked if the person(s) above is unable to be reached.

Signature

Date

Statement of Faith

Rafiki Africa Ministries has adopted the following Statement of Faith and we ask that all volunteers agree with these statements as set out below. Please indicate whether you agree with this, and if you don't please write further comments to detail what you disagree with and why.

WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE in God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom and measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE in the deity and perfect humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ; in His virgin birth; in His sinless life; in His miracles; in His atoning death through His outpoured blood; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return to power and glory.

WE BELIEVE in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be inspired in its entirety by God's Holy Spirit through human authors revealing God's truth to humanity. It is without error in all that it affirms. Christians must therefore submit to its supreme authority.

WE BELIEVE in the personal and visible return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgment in final completion.

WE BELIEVE in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

Yes, I _____ (printed name), believe in all of the above statements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If this application is typed then fill in your name for the space of signature.

I give my permission for Rafiki Africa Ministries to use photos taken of me during my participation in a Rafiki Africa Ministries' mission trip for newsletters and mission trip information.

Please initial one:

_____ yes _____ no

Short-Term Missionary: Covenant and Liability Release

The guidelines listed below are for those participating in this journey. You go not as a tourist, but as a guest of another country. Uganda is considered a Less Developed Country and does not have the same conveniences you are used to at home. It is very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of your host country. As a short-term missionary, your position is to provide supplemental support to the long-term staff and Rafiki Africa Ministries while you are serving with us. Our staff is qualified and committed to our vision. You will be coming alongside them and following their guidance during your involvement with Rafiki Africa Ministries.

I, _____, **recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of my time with Rafiki Africa Ministries. When accepted as a member of the Rafiki Africa Ministries team, I agree to:**

1. Release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped make these arrangements, including Rafiki Africa Ministries, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have, against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.
2. Adopt an attitude that I will try to understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I go to Uganda knowing that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective and know that my way is not necessarily the best.
3. Respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating, drinking, and other such traditions that will help me to assimilate into the local community. I will respect the cultural differences.
4. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding the people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
5. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and to adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip. Remember I am the unknown Christian from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take the important responsibility of setting an example lightly.
6. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the Outreach Coordinator and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip.
7. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including, but not limited to, such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
8. Understand that my work is but a tiny speck in the bigger picture that *Rafiki Africa Ministries* is trying to accomplish. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local hosts and to help them attain their long-term goals.
9. Attend all weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8:30am.
10. Refrain from meddling, complaining, lying, dishonesty, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team during the journey and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts. I will be honest at all times.
11. Refrain from using tobacco and/or alcoholic beverages while in the host country. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
12. Regard the differing style of worship with respect and I promise that where I see the need, I will witness my faith, but without a superior attitude.
13. If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another.

14. I promise not to seek or engage in new romantic relationships with anyone (including fellow team members, employees of Rafiki, and Ugandans) during this trip. I will avoid any actions that might be perceived as affectionate or romantic attentions toward any people I meet while on the mission trip.
15. If traveling with a significant other or spouse, I will respect the Ugandan culture with not showing open signs of affection such as kissing or touching each other in a manner that disrespects the culture.
16. Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewelry, tape players, etc. to the locals. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after you leave may cause problems, jealousy, and bitterness among those locals who received no such gifts. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the Volunteer Coordinator before I promise or give the gift. I promise to let the Volunteer Coordinator make the final decision on this matter.
17. Understand that every person is expected to share freely from his or her particular blessing and talents, whether that is a skill such as music, art, carpentry, or basic hard work. I agree to participate in these ways as fully as possible.
18. By signing this document I release all rights to any and all photographs and recordings that have been or will be produced in connections with my mission trip led by *Rafiki Africa Ministries*.
19. I will not give my personal contact information to anyone in Uganda. This will avoid potential problems with direct appeal for money. If I want to have future contact with someone in Uganda, I will work through *Rafiki Africa Ministries*.
20. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
21. **In signing below, I agree to follow all guidelines put forth in this Covenant and Liability Release. I agree to not hold Rafiki Africa Ministries accountable for anything that may happen on my mission trip. I agree to act as a Christian ambassador and follow all of the rules and guidelines set forth during my orientation and stay at the Children's Home.**

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

When finished with this application, you can email it to sara@rafikiministries.org or sarainafrika@yahoo.com.