

FEEL UGANDA

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

“A dream experience away from home”

Find Out, Explore together, Encourage one another, Live the dream: **FEEL Uganda**



Ssanje Modern Nursery and Primary School



Centre of Kibaale-Ssanje village

The FEEL Uganda Volunteer Scheme is a unique opportunity to experience a different culture. This is a travel experience without simply becoming a spectator. You will have the chance to get involved across our two local projects. We will also help you to discover and enjoy Uganda, ‘the Pearl of Africa’.

This project is facilitated in the UK by the Romans One Eleven Trust (Charity Number 1012736, website www.romans111.org.uk) and is run in Uganda by a partner charity YAP, run by Rev. Samuel Muhumuza and his team. Romans 1:11 has worked with Samuel for more than 20 years.

Location:

The Centre in Kibaale, where you will be based, is in Rakai District, in the south of Uganda about 210 kilometres from Entebbe Airport (3.5 hours drive via Kampala). Kibaale is a relatively poor community, where we have a church, a school, a home for orphans and a house for our volunteers.

FEEL Uganda is about **F**inding something new, **E**xploring yourself, **E**ncouraging one another and simply learning to **L**ive with new eyes. In addition to taking part in the challenging and rewarding projects the volunteers will be given the opportunity to travel and see some of the wonders that Uganda has to offer. Chances to travel to Kenya and Tanzania are also possible, depending on volunteers’ interests and budget. (YAP’s local knowledge can keep costs to a minimum.)

Project Activities:

We have two projects offering a variety of opportunities and experiences –

Church and Community Project

- Working with orphans
- Teaching Sunday school
- Visiting and supporting the elderly
- Sharing in church music
- Developing cooking skills
- Farming and poultry
- Mural-painting

School Project

- Teaching in the Nursery school
- Teaching in the Primary school
- Teaching Music and sports at school
- Farming and poultry
- Compound designing

How much does it cost and how much do I need?

The cost of the project will be £15 a day for each person (£1890 for an 18 week involvement). This includes transport from Entebbe Airport to the Centre, accommodation, food and bills for water and power. The airfare to Uganda, personal travel insurance and safari/ trips will be arranged separately. Romans 1:11 has a lot of experience arranging air travel to Uganda and will be happy to advise.



Elephant in Queen Elizabeth National Park



Zebra in Lake Mburo National Park



Mubuku river valley and Rwenzori Mountains



Equator

Who is FEEL for?

Besides younger people and gap year students, we welcome anyone interested to come and volunteer and explore Uganda. We hope there may be a balance of younger and older people on the programme.

Romans 1:11 will interview applicants and offer a one day orientation experience in the UK. The cost of this will be £25 per person. Once in Uganda Samuel and his team will offer a further week of orientation.

How Long?

The programme is for blocks of eighteen weeks divided into phases:

- 1 week Orientation course
- 12 weeks working on the project
- 4 weeks interspersed for travelling/ safari tour
- 1 week for evaluation and departure

During the first week you will travel from home to Uganda's Entebbe airport and share in a briefing /orientation course which will be led by YAP staff at the Reformed Christian Centre in Kibaale. We shall give you a chance to get to know each other and walk around the place during the week. The course will cover the following:

- History, customs & culture of Uganda & its people
- Safety, health and security
- Advice on communicating with your learners
- Structuring English, music and sports sessions
- The education system in Uganda
- Introduction to farming and poultry

Accommodation:

We have a number of rooms with running water and power. Each room has two beds and every two rooms share a bathroom. There is a shared dining room and kitchen. We can accommodate up to **8** volunteers. For the programme to be viable we require at least **4** volunteers.



THIS IS THE CENTRE
"Your home for the time being"

Meals and Daily Timetable:

Food for breakfast will be provided for you but you're expected to prepare it yourselves.

Lunch is provided as part of either the school or the church placement.

The school opens at 7:00am up to 5:00pm.

The church programme will also provide a timetable.

Dinner will be prepared by the cook and served around 6:30 pm.

Overall Timetable:

There are enough activities to keep everyone busy but until we know each person's particular interests there is flexibility, for example you might find that you want to work half a day at the school and then in the afternoon work with the church. Every volunteer is encouraged to let us know his/ her interest and then YAP will make a timetable when you arrive at the centre. We can let you know the kind of projects we have in place and activities to enable you to have an idea of what is available.

Weekends and days off:

Those who work with a school are free on Saturdays and Sundays, while those who are working with the church are free on Mondays and Tuesdays because the church opens on Sunday and it holds meetings most Saturdays. Everyone is independent to do and to go wherever he or she wants but we ask you to travel at least in pairs and you should let us know about your programme. YAP requests that you pay attention to any advice offered. Further health and safety advice will be offered in the UK before you travel.

Our expectations:

As Samuel himself says, "It is very important for everyone to be appreciated and to discover who we are. Therefore, I strongly believe that you are going to discover at the end that you are important, unique and very useful to other people. You shall be amazed by the impact you will have put in the community project you have been working with and by that, you will be encouraged and motivated to think what you're going to do when you get back home."

Applications:

To express your interest in this FEEL Uganda experience, or for more information, please contact Rev. Jon Sermon in the first instance: email jon@sermons.me.uk or telephone 01986 873761. It is hoped that the first group of participants will be able to travel to Uganda in April 2018, so please be in touch as soon as possible.

Our Values:

- *We are Christians*
- *We are disciples*
- *We are here to serve others*
- *We are community oriented*
- *We are life investors*

Kibaale-Ssanje – Ssanje Modern School, the Family House, church, village and Spiritual Life Centre

