

Africa Christian Training Institute

ACTI's mission is "to partner with Ugandan churches to identify needs in Africa, and to network among American Christians in attempting, as servants, to meet those needs.

To focus upon enabling evangelists, disciplers, and teachers to serve Ugandan churches

To make all arrangements needed for Christians to exercise their gifts, while serving Christ in Uganda

To encourage career mission involvement as a result of a short-term experience and

To encourage and challenge American pastors and other Christians as they see God at work."

A short-term trip to Uganda with ACTI costs about \$3500.00 each and usually runs several weeks, with the participants going in as teams.

Much of the work of the Mission has been with the Episcopal, Presbyterian and Pentacostal Churches in Uganda. But along with training conferences, there has been evangelism and church planting work done – and assistance given to World Harvest Missions in tribal areas. Ministry in Uganda involves some health and safety risks. Along with sending people to Uganda, you can support this ministry with prayer and giving, and by sending along Christian materials and useful gifts. There are ministries you can give to like the educational work of Hamlet Mbabazi, a Ugandan national who spoke to us last Spring, as well as African Nationals you can assist in training.



One of the founders of ACTI is John Pickett (Las Cruces, NM), who first went to Uganda in May and June of 1989. Tom Graham, has gone twice to Uganda and is serving as ACTI's Treasurer. Many PCA Pastors have gone on short term mission trips to Uganda through ACTI

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Uganda



Uganda achieved independence from the UK in 1962. The dictatorial regime of Idi Amin (1971-79) was responsible for the deaths of some 300,000 opponents; guerrilla war and human rights abuses under Milton Obote (1980-85) claimed another 100,000 lives. During the 1990s the government has promulgated presidential and legislative elections.

Government type: Republic **Capital:** Kampala
Uganda occupies 236,040 sq km in Eastern Africa, west of Kenya - slightly smaller than Oregon.

Climate: tropical; generally rainy with two dry seasons (December to February, June to August); semiarid in northeast

Population: 23,317,560 (There is excess mortality due to AIDS.)

Religions: Roman Catholic 33%, Protestant 33%, Muslim 16%, indigenous beliefs 18% - but less than 15% are committed born again Christians.

Ethnic groups: Baganda 17%, Karamojong 12%, Basogo 8%, Iteso 8%, Langi 6%, Rwanda 6%, Bagisu 5%, Acholi 4%, Lugbara 4%, Bunyoro 3%, Batobo 3%, non-African (European, Asian, Arab) 1%, other 23% by the end of 1998, Uganda was host to 205,000 refugees from a number of neighboring countries, including: Sudan, Rwanda, and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Languages: English (official national language, taught in grade schools, used in courts of law and by most newspapers and some radio broadcasts), Ganda or Luganda (most widely used of the Niger-Congo languages, preferred for native language publications in the capital and may be taught in school), other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic
Literacy: 61.8% age 15 and over can read and write

Natural resources: copper, cobalt, hydropower, limestone, salt, arable land **Land use:** arable land: 25% permanent crops: 9% permanent pastures: 9% forests and woodland: 28% other: 29% (1993 est.) **Industries:** sugar, brewing, tobacco, cotton textiles, cement **Agriculture** - products: coffee, tea, cotton, tobacco, cassava (tapioca), potatoes, corn, millet, pulses; beef, goat meat, milk, poultry Agriculture is the most important sector of the economy, employing over 80% of the work force.

Flag description: six equal horizontal bands of black (top), yellow, red, black, yellow, and red; a white disk is superimposed at the center and depicts a red-crested crane (the national symbol) facing the hoist side

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