

VOLUNTEERS HANDBOOK FOR BLESSINGS OF JOY

A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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We at Blessings Of Joy would like to make your stay with us as interesting and rewarding to the maximum. Volunteers here live a basic way of life as they meet local people so it is a great opportunity to get to know about Uganda's culture as you spend time with the people. Please fill in this form very carefully so that we know what interests you have and what your expectations are for the time you will stay with us.

Where we are located

Blessings Of Joy is found in Kyanamukaaka Sub-county in Masaka district of Uganda. Masaka is 120 kilometers from Kampala. Our orphanage school is located at Mweruka village and most of our children come from the same village.

The Project:

All the children at our orphanage school are either orphans or vulnerable. Most have been with us for six seven years. We provide them with education, a meal a day, and most of the basic necessities of life. Most of our children stay with people in the community who are either helping us raise them or are somehow related. Currently we have 320 children that we support.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to teach at our school or carry on with any important skill you have. Some really important skills can be helping out with homework, playing games, teaching sports, music, dance, crafts, and many more.

During time off especially on weekends, you can visit a beach to relax or go to the nearby big town to enjoy some good food or just stay home and plan other activities.

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A typical Schedule with Blessings Of Joy

7am	Wake up, get prepared for the day
8 to 9am	Have breakfast
11 to 1pm	Work at school
1 to 2 pm	Lunch
2 to 4 pm	Work at school
4 to 5pm	Activities with children
5 pm	Back to the house/hotel

Coming to Uganda

It is the volunteer's responsibility to find and book a flight of their choice.

Please check with your country's foreign affairs website and health department to find out the right vaccinations and shots you might need before coming to Uganda.

Visas

A valid passport is required with at least 6 months before it expires. Visas can be obtained at the airport or border. At Entebbe airport, present your passport with \$50 for the visa. The visa can also be purchased in advance through the nearest Uganda Embassy in your home country.

Insurance:

You must come with comprehensive travel and health insurance

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Upon arrival and Transport to the School

Visas are available at the airport at a cost of \$50.

All volunteers will be met at the airport and taken to Masaka (vehicle hire is around \$100 for a saloon car from Entebbe to Masaka. However, for a larger group of more than five people, the cost is around \$150. Depending on the time of arrival of the plane, there may be an overnight stay at Entebbe costing around \$50 a night. Orientation is done before starting volunteering.

Accommodation

There is a house for accommodation located about 40 minutes to the school. At this time we haven't yet put a house at the school but it is okay to use the house above for accommodation. Volunteers need around \$50 per week for transport to and from the school.

Feeding

Expect to eat local foods and lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.