

Buyamba Uganda Mission Team

Service and Social Action Grant Application

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Goal: The goal of this mission trip is to love the people of Uganda like Christ through action and service. Further, our team plans to return with a newfound inspiration, gratitude and wisdom that we hope to share with the overall Pepperdine Community.

Description: This trip will take place over spring break leaving on February 21st and returning on March 2nd 2013. We will be working at God Cares School in Kampala, Uganda. Our jobs will consist of leading chapel on Thursday and Saturday, as well as painting classrooms and building desks. Our time will be split between the high school and the primary school, so we will be making relationships with kids from three years of age to 18 years. We will be staying at a hotel across the street from the primary school called Hotel Olympia, and we will be eating at the school every day. The team is currently made up of 13 Pepperdine undergrads with willing hearts to serve these children in Uganda. It will be a packed week of service and hopefully a life-changing trip for all.

This Buyamba Uganda mission trip aligns perfectly with Pepperdine's mission of "preparing lives for purpose, service and leadership" by giving a group of students the opportunity to serve at a school in Kampala, Uganda for one week in February. As a Christian organization who's primary concern is to further the Kingdom of God through the education of the children of Uganda, *Buyamba Uganda* clearly supports Pepperdine's Christ-centered purpose. This mission trip is not only supporting a worthy organization, but also benefitting and inspiring a group of Pepperdine students. The team will be teaching in the classrooms, leading chapel, painting the school, building desks, and most importantly loving every child and person they come in contact with. *Buyamba Club* was started on campus last year, and this trip is the next step for this club to grow and expand and reach more students. Overall, this mission trip over spring break will inspire these students to continue living lives of purpose, service and leadership.

Although the direct audience of this trip is the thirteen students traveling across the world, this mission team will be serving the students and faculty of God Cares High School in Kampala, Uganda. The organization, Buyamba Uganda, is a nonprofit organization that financially supports God Cares School in Kampala, Uganda. Buyamba's mission is "to provide for the physical care and needs of these children, along with empowering them through ongoing education and spiritual discipleship to become contributing citizens who will impact Uganda for Christ". This organization meets the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of the students in order to not only impact their lives individually, but transform the community as a whole. Over 900 children are currently being sponsored by generous donors, many of whom are orphans living at the school. The students living at the High School are currently being forced to sleep in the kitchen and classrooms because the school isn't finished being built. Our goal of this mission

trip is to love these people with the love of Christ, and we will do this through action. By painting the newly formed walls at the high school to planning with the teachers, we hope to enhance and expedite the work that is necessary for this school to thrive. We recognize that we are merely the hands and feet to do the work that God has called us to do.

Action Plan:

The following details for the Buyamba Uganda Mission Trip Fundraising & Awareness action plan.

OCTOBER 2013:

- Bi-weekly meetings Commence until trip in February
- Decide on a specific need that we can help meet at God Cares School in Kampala Uganda.
- Send out message of Uganda Mission Team for Spring break

EARLY NOVEMBER 2013:

- Uganda mission team is created and solidified and transportation tickets are booked
- Brainstorm ideas for a fundraising and raising awareness about God Cares School in Kampala
- Chose specific fundraising ideas will have the greatest impact on the children in Uganda, as well as the Pepperdine and surrounding communities.

NOVEMBER 2013

- Begin to create awareness of God Cares School and the Uganda mission team that will go the serve there
- Examples; posters, banners, newsletters through mail services and e-mail.
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EARLY DECEMBER 2013:

- Decide on Fundraising events and begin securing logistics such as: date, location, food, funding, etc.
- Example events→ T-shirt sales, Coffee House and Bake Sales.
- Tabling

DECEMBER 2014

- Continue fundraising and raising awareness of the Uganda Team
- Tabling
- Start to compile supplies for trip (painting/building supplies & donations)

EARLY JANUARY 2014:

- Continue Fundraising and raising awareness
- Tabling

JANUARY 2014

- Tabling

- T-shirts Sales
- Continue to compile all supplies and donations

EARLY FEBRUARY 2014:

- Have all supplies and donations
- Team is fully equip and secure for trip
- Pepperdine Community fully aware of Uganda Mission Trip

FEBRUARY 21st - MARCH 2014

- Uganda Team departs for Uganda on February 21st and arrives in Uganda on February 22nd
- Team departs Uganda on Saturday, March 1st and arrives to Pepperdine on Sunday, March 2nd.
- We will be picked up from the airport by Ezra Dongo in the God Cares School bus to fit our team and our bags. His email is dedeezic13@gmail.com and Pastor Dongo, the head of the school, can be reached at pastordongo@gmail.com. We will be staying Hotel Olympia located in the center of Kampala, Uganda. We will be walking to and from the school every single day and whenever we go to the high school we will be driven in the bus by the licensed Ugandan bus driver. We are staying in a very safe area in Uganda, and whenever we go to dinner we will be accompanied by a Ugandan leader of the school. The Dongo Family will be with our team regularly and will always be aware of our safety. We will be taken to the airport on March 1st in the bus, and will arrive back in Los Angeles on March 2nd. We are flying on Turkish Airlines and we only have one layover on the way there and on the way back in Istanbul Turkey.
- Begin planning “Buyamba Walk”
- Tabling every week

MARCH 2014

- Team Meets and Debriefs about trip
- Tabling continues for “Buyamba Walk”
- Sign ups happen online

April 2014

- Second Annual “Buyamba Walk”

Advertising:

The central goal of our events last year, *Bus for Buyamba & Building Buyamba*, was to raise awareness of not only the need but, also for the organization. Although raising over \$30,000 and giving a bus to God Cares School in Kampala, Uganda was a huge success, we regarded the awareness factor as one of our greatest victories. After these events, people know the name *Buyamba Uganda* and are excited to get involved in another project once again. This will definitely serve to the benefit of *The Buyamba Mission Team*, but we are also working hard to advertise for our Spring break mission team. Our PR efforts on campus include social media (facebook, instagram, twitter), signs/ banners, tabling in Pepperdine’s Wave Café, making announcements at other campus gatherings (such as clubs, sororities and fraternities), and tapping into the Pepperdine Radio Station and Graphic Newspaper. Since we are working hard to

make this an event for not only the Pepperdine Community but also the Malibu community, we will be advertising to local churches and hopefully publishing articles about the event in the local newspapers as well. After our trip, there will be a great deal of advertising needed for our second annual "Buyamba Walk". There will be flyers, articles and social media announcements to ensure the success of this event. Specifically, a video that will be made of our trip by our videographer will be played on campus for the students to see what our trip consisted of. It will be perfect advertising for our Buyamba walk, but moreover advertise the importance of Buyamba club.

Faculty Mentor: Our mentor is Tyler Kemerrer. He is a Resident Director here at Pepperdine University, and he was a full time missionary in China for a number of years. With his experience, he can offer our team wisdom at our meetings before we leave on our week-long journey. He backs our mission and will be walking along side the planning process both administratively and in prayer. Although he will not be going on the actual trip with us, his role will be known amongst the team and his expertise will be necessary for our success.

Contribution to the Pepperdine Community:

The Buyamba Mission Team will make a significant impact on the Pepperdine Community. Those who participate will be educated on the extreme need that exists around the world, especially in regards to education. As university students, this cause is particularly relevant. As Pepperdine students learn about the needs of other students around the world, they will hopefully begin to realize how fortunate they are to have the opportunity to attend Pepperdine, and in turn become passionate about blessing other who are not as fortunate. *The Buyamba Mission Team* will reveal each individuals power to make an important impact on the world around them, as they see that their participation in the event changes the lives of young adults on the other side of the world. We hope that students will take this power past our events (*Building Buyamba & Bus For Buyamba*) and continue on in lives of service (*Buyamba Mission Team*). Students will also be impacted by relationships formed with Malibu residents and families, strengthening the community through service. Also, the Pepperdine community will be building a stronger connection to the God Cares School in Kampala, Uganda. Once we return, we will be having another "walk" for Buyamba. It will be similar to *Bus for Buyamba*, but the funds will be spent for the completion of the high school. This team of students going on the trip will be the planners of this event and will be able to share their experiences and stories from the time they spent with these children. Also, this video that will be made of our trip will show our campus the beauty of God Cares School, and bring our trip back to the entirety of Pepperdine students. It will give the students a very real view of not only what we did on the trip, but also the nature of these people in Uganda. Video captures emotion magnificently, and our prayer is for this video to touch the hearts of many on this campus. This video will hopefully spark awareness and passion for this Buyamba Ministry here at Pepperdine University. Clearly, Pepperdine will be majorly affected by this mission trip and will be able to take a role in serving the people in Buyamba Uganda as well.

Assessment:

During the planning stage, we will assess our progress of spreading awareness, fundraising and building a strong team at bi-weekly meetings. We will do this by checking in to make sure each person has accomplished their designated task, as well as basing our movement off the timeline

and action plan displayed above. After the mission team returns to Pepperdine, we will assess the success of our mission trip based on not only our impact on God Cares School in Kampala, Uganda, but also based on the awareness and heart for the cause at Pepperdine and the surrounding community. We will look back on our work at a final team meeting/ celebration where we will talk about our strengths, our impact and how we can continue serving. We will have a note-taker write down the thoughts and emotions felt by the team members. Some member of the team will also write a personal reflection of the trip and how it impacted their life. Also, we hope to send out a newsletter to the Pepperdine community and donators to explain how we served in Uganda, show how donations were used and explain the success of the trip

Budget

Expenses:

Supplies (paint brushes, paint)	\$20x10 cans and \$3x30 paint brushes	\$290
Advertising for Buyamba Walk	\$1 each x 100 color flier	\$100
Fundraiser food for Buyamba Walk	Taco truck	\$900
Travel: Airfare	\$1200 roundtrip x 13 people	\$15,600
Travel: Food	\$20/day x 7 days x 13 people	\$1,820
Travel: Lodge	\$23/day x 7 days x 13 people	\$2,093
Total Expenses		\$20,803

Revenue

T-shirt sales	\$15 each x 500 (cost \$3 to buy)	\$6000
ICC Request		\$800
Letter writing Campaign	Letters sent to family and friends	\$5200
Social Action Grant	(see below)	\$2500
Personal Contribution	May differ per person but roughly \$900 per person	\$6303 (roughly \$500 per person)
Total Revenue		\$20,803

Social Action Grant Fund Request:

Video for Buyamba Walk	Pay a leader to video our trip and create a film that could be used a fundraising tool when returning. This film would be played for the Pepperdine Community raising awareness for Buyamba and promoting the walk happening in April.	\$400
Advertising for film viewing and Buyamba walk	\$1 each x 100 color flier	\$100

Airfare	\$154 x 13 flights	\$2000
Total Grant Request		\$2500