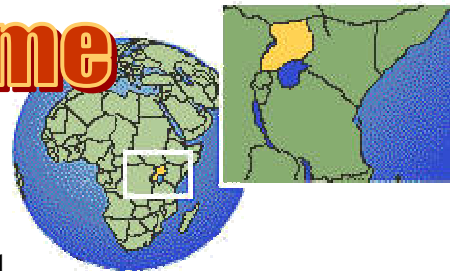


Uganda Here I Come

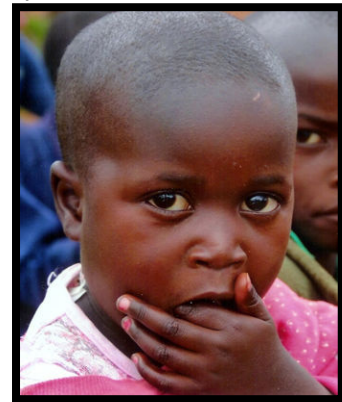


I doubt Robyn Fruehan truly knew what she was getting into when she signed up to go on a two week mission trip to Uganda two years ago. Unshakably touched by the orphans she met, who were full of love and joy despite being fed one meal a day, at best, she set out on a mission to raise support for these children. Robyn and her husband Jim then started a non-profit organization to help Pastor Grace Benjamin make Jireh Ministries self-sustaining, and that's where I come into the story.

I was part of the prayer team for Benjamin's visa so that he could visit the US to share about his ministry. When God provided and he was able to come to San Diego, I had the opportunity to spend time with him and had my heart pierced like Robyn's.

Although most of the others on our prayer team went to Uganda for two weeks a few months later, I had conflicting School of Evangelism (HSE) commitments, and contemplated going on my own at a later date and staying for a longer period of time. And now with school commitments finished, that later date is fast approaching. **I am going to be leaving to Uganda for six months in June.**

It's a bit of a crazy story how God rearranged my plans into his plans, and put the desire in my heart to embark on this adventure. *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. (Is. 55:8)* But I would hardly be doing the story justice to omit any of the intricately woven details that only the Lord could coordinate, so I've added that story to my website at <http://raebear.net/africa>.



For the first two weeks of my trip I will be working alongside 70 other Americans (1/3 of whom are from San Diego) as part of the Believers World Outreach team. We will spend one week in Jinja and another Masaka doing work ranging from construction projects to evangelism. At the end of those two weeks, a small handful of approximately 5-7 HSE alumni, myself included, will remain in Masaka for periods ranging from 3 to 6 months.

Prayer Points

- Pray the armor of God over us (Eph. 6:10-20)
- Team unity (Mt. 12:25)
- Diligent obedience to the Lord (Deu. 28)
- Financial provision for entire team (Ph. 4:19)
- Courage and strength (Josh. 1:9)
- Opportunity (Mt. 21:22)
- Physical & spiritual protection (Ps. 91)
- Heart of praise (Ps. 75)
- Fulfill the great commission (Mt 28:19-20)

One of the opportunities I am most excited about is the possibility of teaching the bible in public schools, like I did in Australia. We also have visions of organizing a small city wide crusade or festival, and assisting Jireh Ministries with some of their practical needs. I am also praying for opportunities to write to those back home with stories about what God is doing in Africa.

If there is one thing I have learned on my previous mission trips, it is that we are in a spiritual battle, and that through having a disciplined prayer life and a united team of prayer warriors, God will open doors that never seemed possible. *"Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established."* (Pro 16:3) God loves to show Himself faithful to those who ask according to His will!

Is God calling you to be an answer to prayer? Tax deductible donations for my teammates can be made through Jireh Ministries Foundation (619-741-9395). God has already provided for me financially, so join me in reaping the spiritual fruit from enabling others to do ministry.

You can also send me words of encouragement or request updated prayer requests by emailing me at: raebear@gmail.com