

# Uganda Action Team

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## Prayer Letter October 2009

Hello and welcome to the first prayer letter of the 2009 Uganda Action Team. We want to thank you for being willing to pray for us all as we serve God overseas. Before we fill you in on what we're doing we would like to give you a brief introduction to each member of the team:

**Elaine** is from Watford, near London and has just completed her A-levels. She likes listening to music, dancing and reading. She is patient but not good in the morning.



**John** is from Boston, Lincolnshire and has also just completed his A-levels. He likes running, sport and playing the piano. He is determined but random.



**Sarah** is from Chester and has just finished a degree in maths at Sheffield University. She likes photography, making people giggle and watching children's TV. Sarah is hilarious and she has a crazy laugh.



**Tim** is from Worcester and has just finished his newly qualified teacher year in a primary school. He likes surfing, writing songs on the guitar and making people think. He is excitable and excited by the prospect of the next six months.



We are currently coming to the end of our month of training at the International Mission Centre (IMC) in Birmingham. This has included some experience at a training church, Tabernacle Baptist Church in



Wolverhampton, for two weekends where we were involved in various activities such as leading the youth group, running Sunday school, giving our testimonies, singing, taking the Sunday evening service and lots of eating! It was a really rewarding time as we were pushed out of our comfort zones but gained valuable experience and we were blown away by the generosity and hospitality of everyone we met. We also spent four days in Wales at Min-y-don, a Christian outdoor activity centre, for 'teambuilding'. We definitely bonded as a team and found out a lot about each other. At IMC we have also had a lot to do, getting to know each other better as a team, increasing our understanding of mission as a whole, exploring the culture in Uganda, studying the language, developing skills that we will use and learning about ourselves as well.

We have realised at this early stage that we are all quite different, with a range of abilities and gifts to offer the team. We see this as a strength and feel well equipped to serve together in a variety of ways. So far we have got on really well and it's been great fun spending time with each other. We all recognise the need to be honest with ourselves and the rest of the team, whilst remaining humble in our approach to issues that will inevitably arise.

## Prayer points:

- That God will be at the centre of our lives throughout the period. We are very aware as a team that once surrounded by a completely alien culture, it will be very easy to lose the focus on God's will for us as a team that we have developed throughout the training period. Maintaining our relationship with God throughout our time abroad is going to be crucial in glorifying him through our actions and deeds, and so prayer for this, especially as we settle into the new environment, will be hugely appreciated.
- That we continue to knit together as a team as we will be spending a lot of time together in close quarters. When arguments do occur please pray that we will resolve them in a loving and patient way, as well as learning from these experiences. In Uganda the team will have to be our support and it's important that we use this instead of constantly getting in touch with home.
- That the remaining time in England is used productively. As the time of our flight draws near, we inevitably begin to look forward more and more to our time out there, and it becomes increasingly easy to lose focus upon the current situation. Please pray that we live in the present and don't wish the days away.
- For safe travel to Kampala (the capital city) where we will be based and for the arrival of our entire luggage.
- For peace in Kampala whilst we work there. There appears to be unrest in the area at the moment and we are very aware that we may stick out.
- That we engage with the culture effectively. That we will be willing to give up our pride and the things we are used to so we can successfully build relationships with the local people. That we won't be afraid to just get stuck in and that we will be humble enough to ask for forgiveness if we accidentally cause offence.
- For our host Peter Ochulu, who has a badly broken leg. Please pray for healing.

So, that's it for now. Thank you for your prayer and support. We will do our best to keep you up-to-date with our goings on.

Until the next prayer letter, God bless you. Keep saving the world.

**John, Sarah, Elaine and Timo**  
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