

Supporting Life in Uganda



Uganda is a beautiful country of 45 million people in a land area smaller than NZ. It's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is \$1060 per person, compared to \$47,499 per person in NZ. After years of war, terrorism, and one of history's most brutal dictators [see [Idi Amin](#)], Uganda has been left economically broken, and one of the poorest nations in the world. A labourer is paid the equivalent of NZ\$6 per day, and hopes to find up to 4 days work a week.

Since 2016, Legacy Community Church has partnered with Freedom Centre Church in a slum area of Kampala city. Freedom Centre Church helps hundreds of people in the community, as well as providing a school to enable families to access education as part of working their way out of poverty. Uganda lacks the state schools to cope with the population growth and therefore relies upon communities starting and funding their own schools. Freedom Centre Church has partnered with churches internationally to raise funds to build the school and continues to seek support to pay staff, and sponsor the costs of students whose families cannot afford to send any of their children to a school.



Pastor Jonah and Sylvia, and some of the community children they care for in their home

With the COVID 19 pandemic, Uganda's fragile economy was set back even further. Like many nations, lockdowns were imposed. However, most Ugandan's only survive day to day, completely dependent upon their labour. There is no welfare system, and no government hand-outs - not even a tax break. This means that many people simply had no income for several months over the pandemic.

As an example of the economic impact of the pandemic and international trade issues, the cost of maize flour - which is their basic survival food, has gone up 400%.

The cost of NZ's public transport has just been halved by the government. In Uganda, it's gone up 400% making it very difficult for people to even afford to travel to work or market.

In NZ, fuel went up from \$2.20 to \$3 and back down to around \$2.50. In Uganda, the cost of fuel doubled. That would be like us paying over \$4.40 per litre here in NZ.

There are no benefits, no WINZ loans, and no government help for people in Uganda. And in Kampala where Freedom Centre Church is, there are over 1.6 million people in a city area smaller than Christchurch.

If you would like to join our church in helping families in Kampala, Uganda, here are 3 ways we do this.

Sponsor Students

For \$40 per month, you can enable a family to send at least one of their children to school. The school Legacy Community Church partners with is able to provide not only the education, but also uniforms, a meal each day, and in some cases, board.

Survival Packs

These are \$50 each and contain household essentials such as maize flour, rice, soap, oil, salt, sugar, beans.

Donate whatever you can afford, and at the end of the month we total all the donations, send it to our Uganda partner church who buys locally, and distributes to households in need.

Enablement Gift

You can send any size donation to our partner church in Uganda, and enable them to direct the funds to the different types of needs they face day to day. This may include medical support, work support, or accommodation support.

Use reference: 'VGU Sponsor'

Use reference: 'VGU Packs'

Use reference: 'VGU General'



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