

Congo & Uganda Mission Trip Information Packet

November 30 - December 10, 2026

With Pastor Chuck Salvo

We are excited to invite you to join Pastor Chuck Salvo on a powerful mission trip to **Congo and Uganda**. This trip will be an opportunity to experience international ministry firsthand, participate in evangelism and outreach, serve alongside established ministries, and witness what God is doing throughout East Africa.

This will not simply be a sightseeing trip or a vacation. You will have the opportunity to step outside of your normal routine, serve people from different cultures, participate in ministry, and allow God to stretch and grow you in new ways.

Throughout the trip, our team will be participating in ministry opportunities in both **Congo and Uganda**. However, there will also be an alternate option for those who would prefer to skip the Congo portion of the trip and spend that time serving at **Nyumbani Ya Abba**, Gianna's children's home in Uganda.

No matter which option you choose, this trip will be centered around ministry, serving others, building relationships, and being available for whatever God wants to do.

Ministry in Congo

Pastor Chuck Salvo has established ongoing ministry relationships and outreach opportunities in Congo. During our time there, the team will have the opportunity to participate alongside him in the work that God has opened the door for him to do.

One of the major focuses of this portion of the trip will be participating in **Pastor Chuck's crusade ministry**. Team members may have opportunities to serve in a variety of ways, including prayer ministry, evangelism, worship, sharing testimonies, assisting with ministry events, and supporting the overall work of the crusades.

The Congo portion of this trip will involve travel, flexibility, and a willingness to adapt to changing circumstances. International ministry does not always follow a perfectly planned schedule, and team members should come prepared to remain flexible and willing to serve wherever they are needed.

Uganda Ministry & Nyumbani Ya Abba

After our time in Congo, the team will travel to Uganda, where we will continue our ministry work.

For those who choose not to participate in the Congo portion of the trip, there will be an opportunity to spend that time in Uganda at **Nyumbani Ya Abba**, Gianna Salvo's children's home.

Nyumbani Ya Abba, meaning "**The Father's Home**," was established in September 2025 and provides a Christ-centered home and family environment for children currently attending primary school in our Abba Missions Program.

Those staying in Uganda during the Congo portion of the trip will have the opportunity to spend extended time with the children, participate in their daily lives, help with activities, discipleship, games, Bible studies, worship, and other ministry opportunities.

This option allows participants to focus more of their trip on relationship-building and children's ministry while avoiding the additional travel time and expenses associated with traveling into Congo.

Both paths are valuable, and we encourage each person to pray about where they feel they are supposed to serve during this trip.

Once Pastor's team arrives back in Uganda after visiting Congo, we will be visiting Western Uganda and the **refugee school** that Pastor Chuck has established. This will be an opportunity to meet the students, see the work that is taking place, encourage the children and staff, and participate in ministry within the school and surrounding community.

Two Trip Options

Option 1: Congo & Uganda

Participants choosing this option will travel with Pastor Chuck Salvo and the team into Congo and participate in the crusades, refugee school ministry, and other outreach opportunities before continuing on to Uganda.

This option will involve additional travel and transportation and may include changes depending on the final travel arrangements.

Option 2: Uganda & Nyumbani Ya Abba

Participants choosing to skip Congo will remain in Uganda during that portion of the trip and spend additional time serving at Nyumbani Ya Abba.

This option will save some travel time and is expected to reduce the overall cost by **a couple hundred dollars**, depending on the final transportation arrangements.

Participants choosing this option will still be part of the overall mission trip and will participate in ministry in Uganda alongside the rest of the team when the Congo group arrives.

Trip Cost

The current estimated cost for the **Congo & Uganda Mission Trip is approximately \$1,700 per person, not including airfare.**

At this time, airfare is averaging approximately **\$1,500–\$1,600 per person**, although airfare prices can change significantly depending on when tickets are purchased.

The estimated \$1,700 trip cost is based on our current travel plans and expected expenses. This cost may include transportation within the countries, lodging, meals, ministry expenses, and other planned trip activities.

However, international travel plans can change, and there is a strong possibility that we may decide to **fly into Congo rather than drive**. If we choose to fly, this will increase the overall cost of the trip. We will communicate any changes or additional expenses to the team as soon as decisions are made and costs are confirmed.

Choosing the Uganda-Only Option

If you choose to skip the Congo portion of the trip and remain in Uganda at Nyumbani Ya Abba, you can expect the trip to cost \$1200-\$1400 by avoiding some of the additional transportation and travel expenses required for the Congo portion of the trip.

The exact savings will be determined once all transportation and travel arrangements are finalized.

Important Financial Information

The current trip cost is an estimate and may increase depending on final transportation decisions, lodging, ministry needs, and other unexpected international travel expenses.

We will always do our best to communicate costs clearly and as early as possible. No additional expenses will be intentionally withheld from team members, and we will provide updates as plans are finalized.

Airfare is not included in the estimated trip cost.

What Will You Be Doing?

Every mission trip is different, and we want to remain flexible enough to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and respond to opportunities as they arise.

Depending on which trip option you choose, ministry opportunities may include:

- Participating in large crusade events
- Prayer ministry
- Evangelism and outreach
- Visiting and serving at the refugee school
- Encouraging students and teachers
- Children's ministry
- Spending time with the children at Nyumbani Ya Abba
- Leading games and activities
- Bible studies and discipleship
- Worship and ministry services
- Sharing your testimony
- Supporting pastors and local ministry leaders
- Serving communities through practical ministry
- Building relationships with people in Congo and Uganda

You do not have to be a pastor, preacher, or experienced missionary to participate.

There will be opportunities for people with many different gifts, personalities, and levels of experience. Some people may feel called to preach or share their testimony. Others may be more comfortable praying with people, working with children, helping behind the scenes, or simply being present and building relationships.

The most important thing is a willing heart.

Why Go?

This trip is an opportunity to be part of something bigger than yourself.

God is already moving in Congo and Uganda. We are not traveling across the world because we believe we have all the answers or because we think we are going to "save" anyone. We are going to join the work that God is already doing and make ourselves available to be used by Him.

At the same time, this trip is also about **your personal growth**.

Mission trips have a way of stretching you outside of your normal environment. You may encounter situations that challenge your faith, change your perspective, and cause you to depend on God in ways that you never have before.

You will serve others, but you may discover that God is doing just as much work in your own heart.

Whether you are standing in front of a crowd during a crusade, praying with someone one-on-one, spending the day with children at Nyumbani Ya Abba, visiting a refugee school, or simply navigating the challenges of international travel, every experience can become an opportunity for growth.

Come ready to serve.

Come ready to learn.

Come ready to be uncomfortable at times.

Come ready to build relationships.

And most importantly, come ready to say yes to whatever God asks of you.

A Step of Faith

We understand that the cost of an international mission trip can feel overwhelming. Between airfare and the overall trip expenses, it can be easy to look at the numbers and immediately wonder how it could possibly happen.

But we encourage you to pray before allowing finances to make the decision for you.

If you truly believe that God is calling you to be part of this mission, trust that He is also able to provide a way for you to go. God does not call His people into His work without also being faithful to provide what is needed.

Provision can come in many different ways: through personal savings, fundraising, support from family and friends, donations, opportunities to work and earn extra money, or blessings that you never expected.

Your responsibility is to be obedient to what God is asking you to do.

Begin praying. Begin preparing. Begin taking steps of faith.

If God is calling you to Congo or Uganda, don't allow fear of the cost to stop you before you have given God the opportunity to provide.

Are You Ready?

This trip will require flexibility, patience, a servant's heart, and a willingness to step outside of your comfort zone.

Traveling internationally, especially for ministry, is not always easy or predictable. Plans can change. Travel can be exhausting. Ministry can be emotionally and physically demanding.

But it can also be life-changing.

You will have the opportunity to see new parts of the world, experience different cultures, build relationships, serve people, and participate in what God is doing beyond the walls of your everyday life.

Whether you choose to travel to **both Congo and Uganda** or spend the trip serving in **Uganda at Nyumbani Ya Abba**, we believe that God has a purpose for every person He calls to be part of this team.

Pray about it.

Seek God's direction.

And if He is calling you to go, take the next step.