

Solar Light for Africa

Spring Mission 2026 Information Sheet

Introduction

For over 26 years, *Solar Light for Africa* has taken Christian high school and college age students to Uganda for two weeks. In the Spring of 2013, we started leading adult missions, since that time we have led many successful life changing adult missions! While there, we will team up with Ugandans with whom we will travel, train, live and work.

Dates

The dates for the trip will be March 13th - March 27th. The trip will leave from Orlando International Airport (MCO) in Orlando FL. Please keep in mind that you are responsible for your transportation to and from Orlando. If you need to arrange to fly from elsewhere, please speak with Charlene about the best arrangements. We will depart Orlando on March 13th and fly direct to Dubai where we will enjoy 14-hour layover. While in Dubai we may take a quick trip to see the famous Dubai Fountains and we will be put up in a nice hotel for rest, showers and meals. March 15th we will fly to Uganda. On our return, we will depart Entebbe for Orlando on March 26th, arriving home March 27th.

Team Leadership

The team will be led by Charlene Turner, from Melbourne FL. Charlene is the Executive Director of SLA and has traveled with the teams since SLA's first Youth Mission in 1999. Charlene is responsible for all logistical arrangements. Charlene has traveled to Uganda almost 40 times, and she is very at home there. She will have traveled to Uganda earlier to make the trip arrangements.

Application Process

Complete and return the Mission 2026 Application

After receiving your application, Charlene will give you a call and a short informational interview, to ensure this trip will be a good fit for you. After this conversation, please send in a \$200 deposit.

She will also go over instructions for purchasing your plane ticket.

Please send Charlene flight details as soon as your flight is booked.

Financial Arrangements

All participants are expected to raise a minimum of \$2,300 in contributions to SLA, along with purchasing their own plane ticket. This covers all ground transportation, meals and accommodations, and a portion goes toward the equipment we will install. The Orlando to Entebbe flights on Emirates can fluctuate around \$1,400 - 2,000, and Charlene can assist you in making your flight arrangements.

Additional expenses that will be the responsibility of the participant: Immunizations, anti-malaria medications, etc. (see below), transportation to and from Orlando, spending money for additional snacks, souvenirs, and your passport. You will need to purchase a Ugandan Visa for \$50 online before departure.

Medical Information

Please visit “Travelers’ Health” at www.cdc.gov and your personal physician for more information. All team participants are expected to get all required immunizations and other medical care including but not limited to anti-malaria medication, yellow fever, typhoid and hepatitis A and B. Everyone should bring a supply of a broad-spectrum antibiotic, such as cipro, prescribed by your physician. You are responsible for proper care and supplies for any other medical conditions you may have. If you have any condition that requires ongoing treatment or special care, it is essential that this be discussed with trip leaders prior to submitting your application. Remember that you will be traveling in remote areas of a developing country, so medical care and supplies may not be easy or even possible to obtain.

Mission Information

It is very important to understand that this is not your normal vacation. We will be traveling as a team, and you will need to remember that you are traveling in a developing country. There are many cultural differences that you will experience each day. Some of these will make sense to you and some will not. Things to be very conscious of are things like the way we dress, the language we use, how we talk about and use money, and the way we look at the differences between us. Charlene will do a brief orientation with each person about 2 weeks before departure, and we will do a much more detailed orientation at the Orlando Airport. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

Contacts

Please contact Charlene Turner (charlene@solarlightforafrica.org or 321-615-0206) with questions.

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