

Seek, Serve, Share with Amy



'For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs. ... I will save the weak and helpless ones; I will bring together those who were chased away'. - Zefanja 3: 17+19

Overview

Amy will be send out to **Uganda** in -God willing- **April 2021** for long-term missionary work, with the mission agency **International Teams NL**, and her Dutch Reformed home church.

What is she going to do there?

- **Working with Special Needs People and their families**, by working together with several Ugandan NGO's and with the church Streams of Life.
- **Be part of the Ugandan church and contribute there.** Becoming a member of the church Streams of Life.
- **Learning Luganda**, the local language.

'We love, because He first loved us.' - 1 Joh. 4:19

Dear people,

'You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of Your presence and the pleasures of living with You forever.' - Ps. 16:11

Oh how may I learn this every day. To be in His presence, where Life, Joy and Love are found in abundance. **In this time of 'preparation for Missions' I am very tempted to do all the practical things - hop hop hop - one after the other in order to keep control. Sometimes that seems more productive than an hour of prayer and Bible reading.** Of course I know (and experience!) that that's not true. Because it's always so special that all those practical things go much smoother after I have been in His presence for a while. ❤️

Time with Him never disapoints and I'm thankful that He has a lot of patience with me, in moments when the practical things seem to be overwhelming or when I find it difficult to let go of control.

I hope to leave for Uganda in -God willing- April 2021 for missionary work. At the moment I am preparing for this. Will you read what that preparation period looks like and how Love Itself leads me lovingly and joyfully?

Lots of love, Amy



The Ugandan borders are open! But...

I am regularly asked why I am still in the Netherlands, which is understandable. The Ugandan borders have been open since October 1 (yay!) so I could indeed leave now to Uganda. Nevertheless, my departure date is scheduled in -God willing- April 2021. Why?

1. What many people don't know is that a lot has to be arranged before you can be sent out for a longer period of time. Insurance, writing a plan, making the website up-to-date, good and clear communication, making a budget, building financial supporters, talks with the church, psychological and medical test, writing newsletters, etc. (yes, the latter takes more time than you might think (: Just try 'writing your heart, and the process of letting go & preparing', on paper in a few words with the wish that everyone understands exactly what you are talking about - believe me, that will cost a couple of hours ;)).
2. There will be elections in Uganda in february 2021. This could maybe cause national chaos. People advise me to wait first and see how the elections will develop.
3. We hope that my boyfriend Derrick can come to the Netherlands this November/December. We find it very important that he sees the Netherlands, my culture, and my friends & family, before I leave for Uganda. Also we think it's important that he meets the people of ITeams NL (my mission agency) and the people of my church. We are now waiting and pray that he gets his visa.



'A Joyful Special Needs Ministry rooted in Love Itself'

This is my heart, my Vision and my Mission summarized in one sentence! And actually I'm saying it wrong now, because ... **it's Gods heart!** Zephaniah 3:17+19. In the Bible we get to know God, and we read there that His heart overflows with Joy and Love for people with disabilities and for people who are rejected. He cares for them and looks out for them! In recent weeks, God has been deeply worked in my heart and He made me discover this more and more, for example through the course of Joni & friends (*Beyond Suffering*) that I'm doing right now. Very precious!

Together with International Teams, I thought about 4 sentences that will form the guidelines for my work with Special Needs people in Uganda:

1. The Special Joy God has for special people. (God)
2. The Special Joy and acceptance that special people may find in themselves, through the relationship with God and Jesus' finished work. (Myself)
3. The Special Joy that special people may share within their family and community. (People around them)
4. The Special Joy that special people add to the worldwide Church as being part of the Body of Christ. (World)

Do you want to share along with us?

We believe that as children of God, we are one family as the body of Christ, and that we have each been given separate tasks which suit us. Together we may let this body bring Love in this world, with Christ as our Head. And, Love becomes more when we share it together. ❤️ Which task fits you? How may you share along?

You can share along with us by:



Involvement

Checking on us sometimes? That will be appreciated very much! ❤️ Besides that you can follow the blog-updates on the website www.amyinuuganda.com, and read the newsletters.



Prayer

- Give thanks that the Ugandan borders are open again and that there were not so many Covid-19 cases and deaths in Uganda.
- Give thanks for the right people and means at the right time. God is good!
- Pray for the huge need in Uganda. Pray that people may get to know God's Fatherheart/Love Itself.
- Pray for a blessed time of preparations and for people who want to share along.



Finances

Amy won't receive a salary in Uganda so she will live by financial support.

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