

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS AND SISTERS

Insight Trip to Uganda

JUNE 18 – 27, 2011

THE WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY NETWORK invites "Mothers, Daughters and Sisters" on a life-changing journey to Uganda. Discover how microfinance services empower women to provide housing, education and healthcare for their families and take leadership roles in strengthening their communities. Learn about the vision of Opportunity Uganda, which received its banking license in December 2008. Hear our plans to serve more women living in poverty in remote and rural villages as we open new branches and continue developing agricultural loan and savings products.

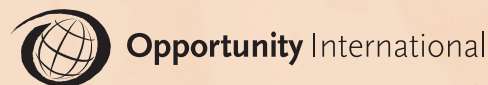
EACH MORNING, put on your walking shoes to be inspired by the richness found in the life experiences of our clients, loan officers and staff as you explore their world. Sit in on Trust Group meetings where you'll hear stories of our clients' struggles and successes and see development in action. Participate in a day of service at a school funded with loans from Opportunity, and fall in love with the children of Uganda. Discover the critical role these schools play in their future.

THROUGH THESE EXPERIENCES, you'll be able to envision a world where each and every woman has fair access to economic opportunities, along with the inspiration to move beyond poverty. You'll also have a renewed sense of how you personally can help make that world a reality for her.

Nuulu Nankya teaches preschool at Ladybird Infant Primary School, which is supported by Banking on Education loans from Opportunity Uganda. The school is a hub of education, fellowship and commerce in Kampala, serving over 400 students, half of whom are girls.

Nuulu also has a business selling cold drinks at the Kalerwe Market across the street from Ladybird School. An Opportunity loan client since 1995, she currently has a \$500 loan which she used to buy another refrigerator and increase her inventory of drinks. Nuulu says that Opportunity training has taught her how to plan a business and maintain her customers.

A strong believer in education for her three sons, Nuulu is using Opportunity school fee loans to send her youngest to high school. She has a savings account of \$157 and credit life insurance with Opportunity. As the former president of her Trust Group, Nuulu supports other members by purchasing produce and other household items from them in the market. She says, "I'm proud of my Trust Group because they're hardworking, and very cooperative and helpful to each other. They're good savers, too."



The Women's Opportunity Network (WON) is a dynamic network of women supporters and staff committed to helping Opportunity International reduce poverty in the developing world. WON's mission is to invest in the lives of women around the world, giving them access to financial services and training that transform their lives, their children's lives and their communities. The Uganda Campaign is one of the strategic initiatives supported by WON.

Itinerary

SATURDAY, JUNE 18: Arrive in Entebbe late today. Local Opportunity staff will meet you upon arrival and take you to the Kampala Serena Hotel for a good night's sleep.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19: Join your fellow travelers for breakfast before departing for an optional Anglican church service at Namirembe Cathedral, or spend the morning relaxing. After lunch, enjoy a free afternoon to rest or visit a local crafts market. Spend the evening enjoying traditional dance and music at the Nbeme Cultural Center.

MONDAY, JUNE 20: After breakfast, depart for Opportunity Uganda, where you will meet and interact with local staff. Next, meet Opportunity clients at a Trust Group meeting, as well as at individual businesses. After lunch, visit one of the local schools funded by our Banking on Education program, to see education finance in action firsthand.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21: Rise early to enjoy another inspiring day with Opportunity clients, both in Trust Groups and at individual businesses. Learn about the lives of hardworking entrepreneurs who are using our microfinance services to work their way out of poverty. In the afternoon, get an in-depth look at another school as we participate in a hands-on activity with students and teachers.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22: This morning, see the rural side of Uganda as we drive from Kampala to Jinja. After checking into our accommodations, enjoy lunch on the banks of the Nile River. Spend the afternoon meeting boat clients and River Nile shopping with craft vendors who are clients.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23: Start off the day with a visit to the Jinja branch to meet the local staff and join them in morning devotions. Then travel to visit agricultural finance clients and learn about their challenges. Eat lunch at the beautiful Bujagali Falls, on the edge of Lake Victoria – the source of the Nile River.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24: After breakfast with the group, return by bus to Kampala. Following a group lunch, shop, relax or take in the local sights. If you're not joining the optional safari, depart on an evening flight to return home from this life-changing trip with lasting memories, new friends and the determination to become more involved in Opportunity's mission to end global poverty.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 – SUNDAY, JUNE 26: In the morning, check out of the hotel to embark on a safari adventure to Western Uganda, where you'll see a rich variety of wildlife, ranging from big cats to elephants, hippos and buffalo, and an amazing array of birds.

MONDAY, JUNE 27: In the afternoon, depart to the airport for your flight back home.

OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IS YOUR SAFETY AND COMFORT

In our 20 years of conducting Insight Trips, we have always provided a safe and rewarding visit for our participants. Every trip is carefully planned in conjunction with local Opportunity staff and hospitality experts to ensure your safety and comfort. We will also offer you a guidebook that includes everything you need to know about traveling in that particular country.

To learn more, visit opportunity.org

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Registration

HERE IS HOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR INSIGHT TRIP:

1) Contact your regional director or Shelley Weiler in Opportunity's international education department, at sweiler@opportunity.org or 630-242-4131. Registration deadline is April 25, 2011. **(Early registration discount of \$150 per person applies if registered by April 1, 2011)**

2) Go to Opportunity.org/insight Complete the registration form and submit payment to secure your place.

SUMMARY OF COSTS:

\$3,472 payment to Opportunity with safari
\$2,222 payment to Opportunity without safari
Includes all meals and beverages, local transportation, translator services, emergency evacuation insurance, partner and staff costs, and cultural sights and activities.

\$2,100 estimated airfare (from Chicago)
Airfare to be booked and paid for by the traveler.

\$738 hotel costs
Hotel cost estimate is per person, based on double occupancy. Hotel costs are paid by each traveler upon checkout.

\$6,310 total cost estimate with safari*
\$5,060 total cost estimate without safari*

**Incidentals, shots, passports and visas not included.*

3) Make travel arrangements once all of the trip participants have registered. We strongly discourage booking your air travel before you hear from us. If you require booking assistance, contact Opportunity's preferred travel partner, Travel Inc., at 877-548-2995.

4) Prepare for departure.
Make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after your intended departure date. Visit www.vp2go.com for assistance in obtaining a passport.

Consult your doctor for any necessary immunizations and vaccines. For a traveler's health clinic near you, go to www.cdc.gov/travel.

Spotlight on Uganda

LOCATION: Eastern Africa, west of Kenya

CLIMATE: Tropical, generally rainy with two dry seasons (December-February and June-August)

TERRAIN: Mostly plateau, with rim of mountains

POPULATION: 32 million

LANGUAGE: English, Ganda or Luganda, other Niger-Cono languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic

GDP PER CAPITA: \$1,000