

Service Commitment
Notre Dame International Volunteer Program

I, _____, as a volunteer in the Notre Dame International Volunteer (NDIV) Program, accept the following conditions with regard to my service commitment:

Placement: Sisters of Notre Dame Mission in Uganda, East Africa

Position: Volunteer at the mission site at Buseesa and/or Mpala, Uganda. The primary Buseesa site encompasses a nursery school and primary and secondary boarding schools.

Length of Commitment: One year

By signing this service commitment, I commit myself to serve with the Notre Dame mission in Uganda for one year. Prior to starting this commitment, I am expected to complete an orientation program for cross-cultural experiences to take place in the United States, and to participate in an ongoing orientation upon my arrival in Uganda. I will also read the *Description of Service Agreement*, the terms of which are incorporated herein.

While serving in Uganda, I understand that I will be living in an international community with other volunteers. Life in this setting will require openness to a variety of expressions of faith, of cultural customs, and of socially acceptable norms of behavior. I am aware of what is expected of me as specified in the accompanying Description of Service Commitment and willingly accept these guidelines.

In agreeing to the service commitment with the volunteer abroad, the Notre Dame International Volunteer Program assumes no responsibility to care for or provide for the individual volunteer beyond the actual time of service at the Uganda location. I understand and of my own free volition accept any health and physical risks involved in this placement, and will not hold responsible the NDIV Program or any of its components for any adverse effect resulting from my service. It is my responsibility to assure that I have the resources necessary for resettlement in the United States at whatever time this assignment ends. I also understand that in the event of emergency such as injury, serious illness or traumatic experience, the NDIV director will inform and confer with the adult contact I have specified in my application to the program.

I understand that while serving abroad, I will participate in the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Uganda. While initiative is welcome, I will not create or establish any project without the explicit approval of the on-site director.

In view of the fact that embalming is not the custom in Uganda. I understand that in the unlikely event of death in that country almost immediate burial would be required. I have so informed members of my family.

The Sisters of Notre Dame or the Director of the NDIV Program may terminate my participation in the NDIV Program at any time with or without cause.

I hereby authorize the Sisters of Notre Dame to conduct a criminal background check on me prior to my acceptance in the NDIV Program, or at any time thereafter. If I am charged with any crime prior to my departure on the mission trip, I will immediately report that charge to the NDIV Program Director. Failure to report any criminal charges may result in my removal from the NDIV Program.

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Date