

# Uganda

## Republic of Uganda

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**Population:** 27,700,000

**Area:** 93,066 sq. mi.

**Capital:** Kampala

**Languages:** English (official), Ganda or Luganda, Swahili, Arabic

**Religions:** Roman Catholic, 33%; Protestant, 33%; Islam, 16%; indigenous beliefs, 18%

**Missionaries appointed to Uganda:** Arlon and Darline Royer and Phil and Twyla Tolstad

Uganda lies astride the equator right in the heart of Africa. The northern portion of Lake Victoria frames Uganda's scenic southern boundary.

Uganda boasts a mild and pleasant climate due to an average altitude of 4,000 feet. Although the official language is English, more than 40 language/ethnic groups present a mammoth challenge for evangelism and training.

Beginning in the 1970s, missionaries appointed to Kenya endeavored to reach into Uganda, but the political turbulence in Uganda during the 70s and 80s made it impossible to exert lasting spiritual impact and influence. In the 90s, however, the situation changed. In May 1996 the Ugandan government registered the United Apostolic Church of Uganda. Eight apostolic pastors and their congregations in eastern Uganda, near the Kenyan border, formed the nucleus of the new church. These first congregations had blossomed from the witness of a Ugandan who graduated from the Bible school in Kenya in 1992 and felt a burden to reach his own nation and people. According to the *2006 Annual Field Report*, the UACU now has 2,700 constituents, 58 licensed ministers, and 52 churches and preaching points. AIMers and the Uganda A-Team, directed by Pastor Huey Royer from Georgia, have energized and expanded the church. The A-Team has brought advanced training to our pastors and outreach to non-apostolic groups and pastors. By January 2007, the licensed pastors numbered 62 and the church had expanded into 18 districts.