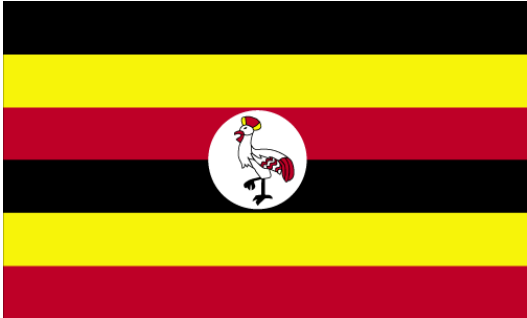


## Cornerstone - Global Ministries

# One Nation at a Time – UGANDA



### The Country

The colonial boundaries created by Britain to delimit Uganda grouped together a wide range of ethnic groups with different political systems and cultures. These differences prevented the establishment of a working political community after independence was achieved in 1962. The dictatorial regime of Idi AMIN (1971-79) was responsible for the deaths of some 300,000 opponents; guerrilla war and human rights abuses under Milton OBOTE (1980-85) claimed at least another 100,000 lives. The rule of Yoweri MUSEVENI since 1986 has brought relative stability and economic growth to Uganda. During the 1990s, the government promulgated non-party presidential and legislative elections. In January 2009, Uganda assumed a nonpermanent seat on the UN Security Council for the 2009-10 term.

### Facts and Figures

**Capitol City:** Kampala

**Population:** 32,369,558

*note:* estimates for this country explicitly take into account the effects of excess mortality due to AIDS; this can result in lower life expectancy, higher infant mortality, higher death rates, lower population growth rates, and changes in the distribution of population by age and sex than would otherwise be expected (July 2009 est.)

**Religion:** Roman Catholic 41.9%, Protestant 42% (Anglican 35.9%, Pentecostal 4.6%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.5%), Muslim 12.1%, other 3.1%, none 0.9% (2002 census)

**Language:** English (official national language, taught in grade schools, used in courts of law and by most newspapers and some radio broadcasts), Ganda or Luganda (most widely used of the Niger-Congo languages, preferred for native language publications in the capital and may be taught in school), other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic



Grace and peace to you in our Lord! In order to facilitate a global perspective amongst the staff and communities, we have put together a template to encourage the body to pray for a specific country and partnership each week.

#### Pray for All People:

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

--1 Timothy 2:1-4

"...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

--James 5:16b

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### The Church

Under Idi Amin, Christians faced intense persecution, but there is now complete freedom for all religions to worship, meet, and share their faith. Christians in Pentecostal and Catholic churches are being filled with the Spirit and are more passionate about prayer and getting closer to God.

### Our Prayer

- Pray for the recovery from the devastation of Amin's rule which will take years and Uganda continues to be affected by the ongoing Central African War around the borders of Sudan, Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi.
- Pray that the church can address the AIDS crisis with compassion, wisdom, and love. Pray that the rate of infection in Uganda will continue to fall.
- Pray for maturity, humility, and intimacy with God for those in leadership in the Ugandan church.

### Our Partnerships

- Please pray for one of Cornerstone's ministry partners, the **Atherstone Family**. Jeff is serving with Africa Renewal Ministries in Gaba, Uganda. He is the Dean of Faculty and a professor at Gaba Bible Institute. GBI has a vision to equip Christian leaders for the transformation of society. Christine is consulting for a number of NGO's throughout the country in the area of livestock management. She is also currently working on a Masters in Livestock Health and Production.
- Pray for another missionary, **Lena Pira**. She is working with Gaba Bible Institute and Africa Renewal Ministries as the Head of Program Development. This involves helping launch the new Christian ministries programs that GBI will be starting this year. It also involves helping with GBI's campus expansion and getting the college equipped to handle more students and more teachers.
- Please pray for **Peter and Irene Kasirivu**. In 1990, together with a friend, they began Africa Renewal Ministries. Since then, Gaba Community Church has grown immensely! Over time, a number of ministries were begun to assist children, families, and pastors.

\*Some statistics and information were gathered from the Operation World Prayer Calendar and CIA World Factbook.