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MISSIONS WITH FAMILY

Serving in Uganda with my dad was beyond special for me. I have always felt close to my dad and was so blessed to grow up with him as my father. He is supportive, loving, and he and my mom planted a love for adventure in my heart. They raised me in a loving, christian home and I grew up in a supportive church family at Faith Free Lutheran Church.

My sister was able to travel with Journey Missions to Brazil in 2016 and loved her experience, so there was always a part of me that wanted to also be a part of one of Jon Nelson's trips. I tried to go to Brazil the summer of 2020 and 2021 but it was canceled both years due to COVID travel restrictions. I remained in contact with Jon Nelson and expressed to him how greatly I desired to travel somewhere and asked for any opportunities he could offer to send me somewhere.

Uganda came into the picture and in the end of all the planning, Jon pulled together a group of great people and my dad also decided to join. Because of my childhood with my amazing parents, I knew that this trip with my dad would be special.

I personally got a taste of the culture in Uganda and loved how the locals welcomed us into their homes and day-to-day activities. They are so loving and were overjoyed that we took time out of our lives to see what they experience everyday. My dad has always been a very friendly person and has great people skills. He was very intrigued to learn about a new culture and I could see that he was very engaged in conversations and activities that we did. He helped take care of the missionary family's kiddos and loved learning more about the bible and the lives of the people we were with.

UPCOMING TRIPS

- Brazil – Feb 9– 27, 2022
- Oaxaca, Mexico – March 19–27, 2023 (FLBC Trip)
- Brazil – June 12 to June 30, 2023 – Open to Applicants
- Israel – November 2023

If you or your church have an interest in going on a trip, we can walk through the process with you.

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My favorite thing about the mission trip with my dad was how he and I became closer. Something about experiencing culture shock, meeting amazing new people, and exploring a new country together opened up our father-daughter relationship even more. I had personal characteristics that were showing negative actions towards people that he brought up in a conversation with me one morning. Our conversations about this were fully out of love and I greatly appreciate him opening my eyes to it so that I can use his advice in my everyday life now. These conversations should be had with

people you are close with and this trip opened both of our hearts to make those kinds of conversations possible.

My dad and I also spent a night in one of the villages in Jinga with a local pastor for The Ambassador Institute. This pastor and his family spoke very little English, they lived lives so incredibly different from us, and they gave us food that we weren't exactly sure how it would impact our weak American stomachs. We both were out of our comfort zone but since we were together we now can carry those experiences into our conversations

today. We learned the power of prayer, how to love others even better, and how to appreciate all the things we take for granted here in the U.S.

All in all, I learned more about myself and the Ugandan culture, and my relationship grew stronger with my dad in ways that could've only happened through this trip.

—
Meg Hornby, team member of the Journey Missions trip to Uganda in summer 2022

MISSIONARY ASSISTANTS

- Casey McLoughlin - Feb. - Aug. 2023 Brazil, Jonni Sliver at the Miriam Home
- Rose Zeltinger - Brazil, Jonni Sliver at the Miriam Home (Summer 2023)

Any interest in the Missionary Assistant program? We would love to send another person to serve with Rose this summer! Reach out to us at journeymissions@aflc.org.