

# Imperishable Seed

## *Uganda*

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### *At a Glance: Mission Work of Emily Arndt*

Since mid-May, I have been here in Wisconsin on my home furlough assignment. It's been a busy time and I have been blessed to meet with many of my supporters all over the US and Canada. I will fly back to Uganda on 6th September for another two-year term with CVM. During this time in North America, people have asked some great questions, and this is the Cliff's Notes letter to tie everything together.

**Who do I work for?** I am a Long Term Fieldworker for Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) which is one of seven ministries that is under CRISTA Ministries based in Seattle, WA. My project name is Imperishable Seed (I Peter 1:22-23). CVM faithfully manages my finances, donor communications, and stateside needs.

**What is my history?** At the age of , I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I took several short-term trips to Guatemala, but I wasn't convinced I had anything to offer the veterinary world since I was 'just a vet tech' and not a full-fledged vet. But God made it clear to me that He did have use for me. In December 2013, I moved to rural Uganda to partner with an organization started by a CVM missionary. Since then, that missionary has moved on from CVM and all of the missionaries who stemmed from that missionary subsequently found different mission organizations in Uganda.

**Where am I now?** For the past two years, I have been serving in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda, with a population of almost 2 million. Uganda is a country in East Africa surrounded by South Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. With a land mass the size of Oregon, Uganda has 39 million residents, compared to the 4 million in Oregon. My partner is now Pioneers International for on-field supervision, support, and training. Roger and Jean Tripp are my area leaders and great mentors.

**What do I do?** I work mainly with the vet school but have some other commitments that I'm passionate about:

**1) College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Biosecurity (COVAB)** which is part of Makerere University, the main university in Uganda. I am an Assistant Clinician Facilitator in the surgical department, and I work with Dr. James Gibson, a UK missionary vet serving with African Inland Mission (AIM). We have a chance to build relationships with the veterinary students while teaching them the hands-on skills they need for their profession. Students come from many tribes and countries, so all of our teaching is done in English and we can freely talk about the Gospel at the school.

**2) Uganda Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (USPCA)** is the only animal shelter in Uganda. In 2016, Dr. James and I were asked to help reorganize the in-house veterinary clinic. Instead of renting space to an independent veterinarian on the property, USPCA has now hired a staff veterinarian. This vet also charges a fee to care for privately owned animals, and all of the profits help support the shelter. Dr. James and I consult with the staff vet to offer encouragement and advice. We also use this clinic as a satellite training facility for the COVAB veterinary students.

**3) Africa Center for Apologetics Research (ACFAR)** works to equip God's people for discernment and train believers for the defense of the faith (I Peter 3:15). Cults often have a charismatic leader who offers a new, exclusive teaching and discredits portions of traditional Biblical theology. Because these groups spread rapidly in Uganda and I'm passionate about this area of ministry, I serve in any capacity that is needed included

advisory, outreach, and hosting groups of twenty women at my house for mini discipleship retreats.

**4) Kampala International Church (KIC)** is a church that welcomes believers from all nations and desires to be a light to the city of Kampala. I'm actively involved in their youth program for the 11-14 year olds, including a Friday night Youth Group and Sunday School.

**5) Bible study group at my house** meets weekly as I host a group of young Ugandan adults.

**What are my financial needs?** I have all of the common basic needs. Rent, water, electricity, fuel, cell phone, internet, food, etc. Then I have some additional needs specific to my situation, including guards for 24-hour security at my house, vehicle insurance (including the political violence & terrorism rider), vehicle repairs (Google "Kampala Potholes"), and evacuation insurance. All of the ministries that I take part in require some level of funding that are typically provided by the involved missionary.

For my own spiritual growth, I attend a women's Bible Study group on Thursday mornings and have various friend with whom I fellowship. Leisure time mainly comes out of my personal budget. I do have a fund used specifically for these activities, and if you wish to contribute you can at: [paypal.me/jesusdied4you2](https://paypal.me/jesusdied4you2)

**Where does my money come from?** Does CVM or the vet school pay me? Neither. I raise all of my own money from the support of people just like you! I submit an annual budget to CVM for approval and then provide monthly accountability for its use. Every dollar I spend is audited through CVM, and I keep receipts for all expenditures. The extra monetary gifts stay in my Imperishable Seed account until I request for them. While occasional large gifts are invaluable, the consistent committed monthly donations are the life-blood of my mission work. I still need a few more monthly supporters, so if you wish to support my work, please visit: <http://cvmusa.org/arndt>

**Why do I do this?** Jesus. Without Him, I wouldn't be the person I am today. He created me and gave me passions in this life. He saved me from my sins and gave me a new life! So since I'm able and so many aren't, why wouldn't I move overseas to do what I love? It's the hardest and best thing I've ever done, but I do it because I love Jesus and want to make His love know to others around me.

May God Bless you all,

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