

Dear Parents,

Kids on Mission are getting to know a team of tough and tender missionaries in Uganda.

The region has been plagued by decades of drought, poverty and tribal warfare. More than 80 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. Conditions are rough, but these dedicated Christians are willing to rough it in order to show the Karamojong people how to love and serve Jesus.



Here are some ideas you can use to get to know the Karamojong people along with your child:

In the kitchen, you can make a couple of Ugandan dishes: *chapatti bread* and *rolexes* — they're not watches; they're a sort of fried-egg tortilla.

The Karamojong people like to dress in bright colors and cheerful prints. Watch **Worth it all** at kidsonmission.org, then visit the craft store. Look for scrapbook paper or fabric in patterns like the ones in the video. Make a collage to hang on the family fridge.

Feel adventurous? Attempt to simulate the living conditions of missionaries working in Uganda for one day. Choose one "luxury" to do without — running water (use bottled water or carry in from the outdoor hose), electronic devices, Internet or commercially prepared food. Talk with your kids about the reasons missionaries willingly forego a first-world lifestyle in order to share Jesus with the Karamojong.

Missionaries talk about "being the church;" that is, living kind, generous and gracious lives in order to demonstrate God's love. Talk with your child about ways your family can "be the church" among your neighbors, co-workers and extended family.

Thanks for letting us show your child what it means to be on mission with God!