

Hi everyone!

My bags are packed for Uganda, and I booked my flight for the 9th of June. No wonder, given I've dreamt of going as a missionary to Africa for many years.

And yet, I never got on that plane – because there's an Ebola epidemic in Uganda and the Congo (DRC).

So, my journey takes an unexpected turn – more on that in a moment.

For now, I'd like to address a question that probably also concerns you: **How should we respond to**

uncertainty? Whether it's a breakup, the war in Iran or an unexpected epidemic: The Bible says to "Cast your cares unto him (God), for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5,7).

That doesn't mean we should be irresponsible. We can and should prepare to the best of our abilities. And yet, all preparations lay in the hands of God: We can't predict everything, but we can entrust ourselves to the God who guides us and provides. I have truly experienced this in the last few weeks. And I hope you experience this, too.



already weighed: my suitcases for Uganda

Sending-Out-Week: Thanks for the Support!

Though I can't travel to Uganda just yet, I have much to be grateful for: **End of April, my church hosted a week of events to send me out for my future ministry.** I visited the seniors' group, had a craft day with kids and their parents... and on April 27th, there was the finale, with a church service, art show, and big lunch for everyone. I even had a friend over from the US, and my former sponsor child from Uganda was also there (she's doing a job training in South Germany, now)! I don't take any of this support for granted; it will help me in my ministry to come.



Sending-out-week in a few impressions: Craft day, art show, big lunch, and an official church service with a time of prayer for my ministry. All these events had many participants, and you could tell that people were genuinely supportive.

Health-Updates

1. **Carpal tunnel healed:** I can use my right hand like normal again. And my checkup revealed a positive surprise: the test results were very good – for both hands. Meaning, I no longer need surgery on my left hand. I'm healed!
2. **ME-CFS-doctor:** Blood tests confirmed that my cells don't produce enough energy. However, this isn't due to a chronic infection but to an overactive nervous system. ME-CFS can't officially be cured, but I now take useful supplements, and continue to be mindful of a healthy diet and of my energy levels.
3. **Autism evaluation:** After nearly 3 years of waiting, I finally had my first interview for the autism evaluation! The second interview and results will follow in July.

Fundraising Goal reached for the first Year – Praise God!



Since the sending-out-week, lots of support came together, so my first year is 100% covered! I'd like to mention some highlights:

- A friend who has enough health struggles of her own gives 20€ a month
- A doctor who only met me once during a guest sermon started supporting me with 100€ a month. Then, at the sending-out-service, he and his wife raised it to 200€
- In May, a small church of 30 people bought almost 500€ worth of art
- One couple gave a one-time donation of 5000€

All these donations will come in handy very soon. Not in Uganda, but in...

France?!

My trip to Uganda will be delayed until the Ebola epidemic is under control. But that doesn't mean I'll sit around doing nothing: Before I can go into full-time ministry, I need to complete a 6-month „Discipleship Training School“ (DTS). I can do this in Uganda, but also in other places. **So, I'll do my DTS in France, with the base „YWAM Provence“.**

I chose this base because they work a lot with Africa. And I have a good feeling about it: In the application form, one question was



View of Saint Paul Trois Chateaux. This is where YWAM Provence is located

whether you had chronic fatigue in the past 2 years and needed assistance. As someone who has this exact issue, this was a pleasant surprise!

After graduation, the situation in Uganda will hopefully be more stable, so I can start my work, there. And even if God has other plans, I know, they will turn out well.

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Prayer Requests

Thank God for:

- Sending-out-week
- Health: carpal tunnel healed, autism evaluation
- Full budget reached for the first year!

Ask God for:

- More good medical progress
- Good preparation for the DTS in France

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