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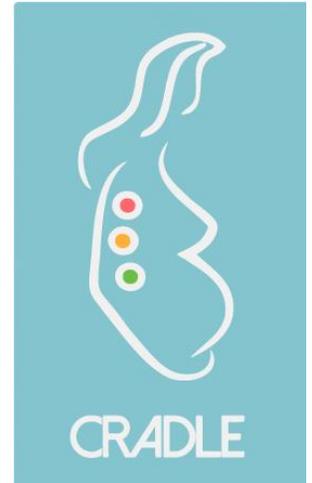
THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

UGANDA TRIP ITINERARY

July 18th - 28th, 2019

PARTNERSHIPS

We are honoured to have the support from and to collaborate with the Prime Minister's Office of Uganda, the UNHCR, Cradle, and Simbi to ensure the success of this expedition.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Journey with The Walking School Bus in Uganda where we will volunteer in support of our collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at Twajiji Primary School in the Bidibidi Refugee Settlement.

As a TWSB Expeditioner, your work will support the implementation of our holistic approach through a hands-on experience in building infrastructure, collecting data, teaching and/or monitoring and evaluating student academic performance. We will be working in partnership with the UNHCR, teachers from the refugee settlements, administrators, and students to remove barriers to education by working with Twajiji Primary School through our proven, holistic approach to educational attainment.



PURPOSE OF THE TRIP

This trip aims to mutually benefit our volunteers, partner-schools and communities by applying our holistic approach to educational access, engaging and furthering research-centric goals, while exploring the unique beauty and wildlife prevalent in Uganda through a curated travel experience that prioritizes TWSB's underlying value of **Impact First**.

We will work with our partners at the UNHCR, Bidibidi Refugee Settlement, and Twajiji Primary School to implement our educational program by touching on our three research prongs:

Curriculum

We will be installing the BrightBox Macro, a solar-powered classroom at Twajiji Primary School and initiating two levels of our curriculum program: (1) The TWSB Rachel curriculum, and (2) and setting up Twajiji with access to [Simbi](#) as well as establishing a Randomized Control Trial to understand the efficacy of the intervention. Twajiji teachers who will have trained for 6 months previously will now be able to interface with a full version of the curriculum program. In collaboration with TWSB researchers, we will train teachers and students to interface with their new classroom and the technology now available to them. Before our departure we will initiate TWSB's largest literacy study to date with students at Twajiji Primary school. We will also work with the students on an exciting art and storybook project!

Transportation

Engaging a pilot Bike Share Program that explores its large-scale implementation and feasibility, through the collection of important data that will contextualize its applicability in a Ugandan Refugee Settlement context. We will also be collecting data points that will inform the application of TWSB's school-bus model in refugee settlements.

Nutrition

Installation of two water catchment systems that will be attached to the BrightBox. Installing a sonar-powered data collection device to them for accurate and long-term data collection. To further the Nutrition program on a long-term basis, we will be collecting qualitative and quantitative data in the area to understand the agricultural status of the land, to inform the highest nutritional yield possible based on environmental conditions.



Arrival – Thursday, July 18

Arrive to Entebbe Airport by the evening of July 18. You will meet the team at [Gorilla African Guest House](#). While in the area, you will have the option to go to the grocery store, use the bank and explore. In the evening, we enjoy our first meal together as a team! Food, games, and an early evening as we prepare for an exciting and impactful 10 days together.

Day 1 - Friday, July 19

Early morning wake-up and breakfast in Entebbe. We leave at 8:30am and take a beautiful and scenic 7-hour drive towards Murchison Falls National Park and our accommodation at [Heritage Safari Lodge](#). Upon arrival, we settle in to our rooms and relax in the beautiful location by the Nile River, stimulated by the natural sounds of our unique surroundings. An optional hike to the top of the Falls will be made available upon our arrival.

At 6pm we regroup and outline our goals for the expedition, assign research teams and begin the important preliminary work that will inform our time in the Bidibidi Refugee Settlement.

At 8pm we enjoy dinner and spend the rest of the evening together

Day 2 - Saturday, July 20

We wake up in the beauty of Murchison Falls. Today is one of the most important days of the expedition. Now that we are well-acquainted and adjusted to our surroundings and each other, we begin Day 1 of 2 of an integrated research and planning session between our three research teams. We will take this opportunity to ensure alignment and synergy between our research activities, to minimize the disruption in our presence at the settlement and Twajiji Primary, and to prepare ourselves in our conduct when we implement research activities.

8:30am: Breakfast

9:30am: Research and Planning: Session 1

12:30pm: Lunch

2:00pm: Boat Cruise and Safari on the Nile River

5:00pm: Full regroup for a break and snack

6:30pm: Research and Planning: Session 2

8:00pm: Dinner

We end the evening with a *TWSB Field Talk*, led by Michael Rayment, an award-winning photographer, who will be discussing Ethical Photography in the field.



Day 3 – Sunday, July 21

Today we spend half of our day at Heritage Safari Lodge. The morning will consist of an optional activities within Murchison Falls, with the privilege of observing the unique natural habitat in Uganda, as well as time for research preparation.

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00am: Individual Research and preparation while enjoying the area

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm: Drive 3-4 hours North Towards Yumbe District

4:30pm: Arrive at Premiere Guest House

5:00pm: Snacks, Research and Planning: Session 3

8:00pm: Dinner

9:00pm: Research and Planning: Session 4

We head to sleep in anticipation of our arrival at the Bidibidi Refugee Settlement and Twajiji Primary School (TPS) tomorrow!

DAY 4 – Monday, July 22

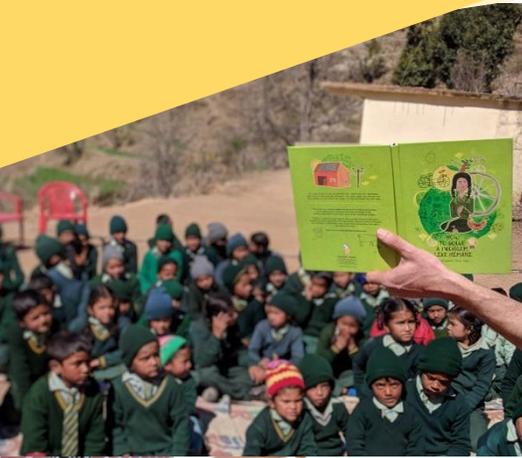
Wake up and enjoy breakfast together at 8:00am. At 9am we are on the road, en route to the Bidibidi Refugee Settlement, a 30-minute drive away. We begin our time at Bidibidi with a tour of the largest refugee settlement in the world and learn about Congolese and South Sudanese refugees who have found themselves there. At 12pm enjoy a snack and at 1pm we arrive at TPS. From here, we will see the BrightBox Macro waiting for us to continue and finalize the classroom over the coming days as we optimize its use for students and teachers at TPS.

Today our goals are:

1. Introduce ourselves to the teachers and students
2. Begin the Art & Storybook Workshop with students
3. Preparation for the literacy Randomized Control trial that will take place over the week
4. Begin preliminary training on the TWSBxRachel curriculum
5. Initiate the preliminary Transportation and Nutrition research through qualitative interviews with community leaders

We return to Yumbe District at 5pm, with the option to be dropped off at the market before our Guest House, to explore the area and interact with locals while slowly making your way back to our Guest House. This is a great opportunity to walk around with your fellow expeditioners to reflect on the day while enjoying the unique sights, smells and delicious produce offered in the market.

At 7:30pm we enjoy dinner and discuss our day together. After dinner, we discuss our plan for tomorrow as we prepare for the very important task of a strong initiation in collaboration with our partners at TPS.



DAY 5 – Tuesday, July 23

After breakfast, we leave for TPS at 9:00 am.

All members divide and conquer to work on the following elements:

- Initiating Randomized Controlled Literacy Trial with Simbi
- Curriculum-to-syllabus alignment
- Mapping of BrightBox Micro sites
- BrightBox Macro set up: desks, projector, painting, whiteboard install, water catchment installs
- Transportation and Nutrition teams finalize data points that must be determined while in the field.

At 5pm we return to the guest house to settle down and relax before dinner. At 7:30pm, we enjoy dinner. After our bellies are full, we enjoy the second *TWSB Field Talk*, led by Dr. Katy Khurt, who will discuss the unique relationship between CRADLE and TWSB and the impact of our collaboration in [The Brighter Future Initiative](#).



DAY 6 – Wednesday, July 24

After breakfast, we leave for TPS at 9:00am

Nutrition team works on nutritional data collection in Bidibidi and help connect the sonar-powered data collection device to the Water Catchment system. **Transportation team** engages in data collection and works on building off existing transportation research through qualitative interviews with relevant community members. **Art team** works on the storybook project. **Curriculum** team works on curriculum matching and Randomized Control Trial.

Led by Sadati Mulilo, TWSB Technology Coordinator, we will be training teachers to use the BrightBox technology and begin our assessment in their technology acclimation.

At 3pm we head toward Agbwinika Waterfalls located on River Koch on a large rock bed, surrounded by forest reserve, to relax and snack in the nature after another impactful day.

At 7:30pm, we return to our guest house for dinner and preparation for another big research day tomorrow!





DAY 7 – Thursday, July 25

After breakfast, we leave for TPS at 9:00am

Curriculum, Nutrition, Transportation, and Art teams move forward on each of their respective projects.

Today, we have the unique privilege of enjoying a long lunch, speaking with locals from the Bidibidi Refugee Settlement and hearing about some of their experiences leading to their time in the camp.

We start up again at 2pm and continue on our projects until the end of the school day.

We return to Yumbe District at 5:30pm and have the option of walking home through the market or going straight to the Guest House.

Dinner at 7:30pm and ensure our goals are aligned with the goal of completion with 2 more working days at TPS.

Our third *TWSB Field Talk*, led by Hans Zhang, MA in Electrical Engineering and TWSB Solar Technology Coordinator who will discuss the application of solar energy in rural and refugee communities.



DAY 8 – Friday, July 26

After breakfast, we leave for TPS at 9:00am

Curriculum, Nutrition, Transportation, and Art teams move forward on each of their respective projects.

We return to Yumbe District at 5:30pm to rest and clean up for our final team dinner in Yumbe!

Dinner at 7:30pm at the Terrain Hotel restaurant. Following dinner, we return to the guest house and finalize preparations for our last day in the field tomorrow. Ensure to pack your bags to be ready for direct departure from Bidibidi tomorrow.

Our fourth *TWSB Field Talk*, to be determined.



Day 9 – Saturday, July 27

After breakfast, we leave for TPS at 9:00am

Curriculum, Nutrition, Transportation, and Art teams finalize each of their respective projects.

We say our thanks and farewells to community members, teachers, and students as we reflect on the impact we created in partnership.

Drive 3.5hrs, directly to Heritage Safari Lodge in Murchison Falls where we will rest, dine, and celebrate a successful expedition!

DAY 10 – Sunday, July 28

We wake up for breakfast and get ready for our journey home.

En route, we stop by the [Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary](#), a private, non-profit, animal sanctuary committed to the restoration of Uganda’s rhinoceros population. We will share the opportunity to watch these endangered, magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

We then drive South, towards Entebbe Airport. We will arrive in Entebbe at around 6:00pm. Please ensure to make travel arrangements accordingly.



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