



RICH SMITH going with IMPACT

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Who shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me.' Isaiah 6:8

Rich Smith will be representing Orchard Community Church this summer with IMPACT. Rich will lead the team to Uganda and then travel on his own to Romania. His trip will be from June 27th - July 9th and will include cross-cultural training and team building.

This is only possible with the spiritual and financial support of the entire church family. Rich is not just going, but being sent by Orchard, and will be carrying your love and care bodily to Uganda and Romania. IMPACT's credo is to send participants as "learners, servants, and storytellers" so we can expect he will be learning and serving as your representatives. Likewise, we know that when we send people, they return to help all of us mature and grow in our faith through their testimonies of what God has done! The storytelling does not just happen abroad, but will continue here.

Please read Rich's testimony of how God has called him, and consider how you can support his being sent. If you are not able to give financially, please let Rich know you are committing to pray for him, which is also an invaluable support. In either case, please arrange to receive his emails so you can keep informed regarding the progress of his trip. Thank you!

- The Orchard Global Missions Team

Dear Friends in Christ,

Life is full of surprises! This year I believed God was calling me to lead an IMPACT team to Romania, but unfortunately a team did not come together. Instead, IMPACT needed a leader for a Ugandan team and asked me to join them. So, I'll be serving in Uganda, with a follow-up visit to Romania.

What? The Uganda IMPACT team is partnering with Care Corps International in a Children's Trauma Care Program in Gulu. We will be trained in a curriculum that includes play therapy, art, music and both group and individual counseling for children traumatized by war and violence. Following the team's departure from Uganda, I will travel on to Romania to visit and encourage Brandi Bates, another IMPACT ministry partner.

Why? Working with Care Corps, we will demonstrate the incarnational love of Christ that our personal presence can provide. Care Corps' believes that addressing the emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs of children affected by trauma demonstrates Christ's redemptive love. In Romania, Brandi has started a Children's Family Reading program in libraries. I will participate in this and other ministries there.

Will you help send me? I have committed to raising \$4050 for this trip, so I hope you'll help me, financially and with prayer. By supporting me you participate in sharing God's love and the gospel in Uganda and Romania. When I greet people on a short-term mission trip, I bring blessings from my church and supporters. It is more than just me traveling. See my "Welcome Page" post on how important this is at 2026-impact-trips.raiselysite.com/richard-smith.

You can support me from that page or send checks to IMPACT, 2060 D Avenida De Los Arboles Suite 343, Thousand Oaks, Ca 91362. Make the check to IMPACT with "Rich Smith" on the memo line. Your donation needs to be received by May 31st and is tax deductible.

Thank you,
Rich Smith