



Speak Up for Uganda!

A RESOURCE KIT FOR LWR ADVOCATES

LWR is pleased to provide you with the following information and resources to aid you as you advocate for peace in Uganda. Enclosed in this information packet are printed resource materials to help you become more familiar with the conflict in Northern Uganda. If you need more information after reading the printed materials, please consider the additional materials below.

If you have further questions, need more information or want some ideas on how to advocate in your congregation or community, please contact Mary Duvall at mduvall@lwr.org or **612.844.4191**.

LWR RESOURCES

We are continuing to develop new resources for you to use in your advocacy efforts. Stay updated by visiting the resource page of LWR's website lwr.org/advocacy/resources.asp. Enclosed are the following LWR resource materials. Also please visit resolveuganda.org/history for more information on the conflict.

- LWR "Notes on the Northern Ugandan Conflict"
- Sample Peace in Uganda is Possible postcard.
- Bulletin Insert

To order more resources to use as advocacy tools in your congregation or community, call **1.800.LWR.LWR2**.

READINGS

These up-to-date resources from trusted colleague organizations are included in your packet. Feel free to use these to get yourself up to speed on current issues, as a basis for a group discussion, or pass them along to family and friends who are interested in advocating for peace in Uganda.

- "The Building Blocks of Sustainable Peace: The Views of Internally Displaced People in Northern Uganda" *Oxfam*. (Sept 2007). https://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/policy/conflict_disasters/downloads/bp106_nuganda.pdf

A critical part of the peace process in Northern Uganda is providing for the many Internally Displaced People (IDPs) as they return to their original homes. This document discusses how to incorporate IDP concerns into the peace process. (23 pages)

- "Give Peace a Real Chance: Rethinking U.S. Policy Toward Northern Uganda" *Resolve Uganda* (Oct 2007) <https://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2241/images/Resolve%20Uganda%20Policy%20Brief-%20Giving%20Peace%20A%20Real%20Chance.pdf>

READINGS (continued)

Although the Juba Peace Process is near failure, Resolve Uganda's recommendations for U.S. policy toward Northern Uganda are still very applicable to the current situation.

- "Uganda Country Summary 2007" *Human Rights Watch* (5 pages, Jan 2008), <http://hrw.org/wr2k8/pdfs/uganda.pdf>
Brief summary of main human rights concerns in Uganda in 2007; includes discussion about abuses perpetrated by the Ugandan government. (5 pages)
- "Get the Gun!" Human Rights Violations by Uganda's National Army in Law Enforcement Operations in Karamoja Region" *Human Rights Watch* (Sept 2007)
<http://hrw.org/reports/2007/uganda0907/>
As the title implies, this document thoroughly investigates human rights violations in the Karamoja Region perpetrated by the Ugandan government, and they also provide recommendations for how the government should respond to these events. (97 pages)
- "Northern Uganda – Roots of the Crisis" *Enough Project*
<http://www.enoughproject.org/print/527>
Concise history of the conflict in the region. (1 page)

BOOKS

These books serve as great backgrounders on the conflict of the Ugandan people as seen through the eyes of its citizens, academics, and concerned advocates. Consider borrowing a copy from your local library or, if you'd like to purchase them, requesting them from your favorite book retailer.

- McDonnell, Faith and Grace Akallo. *Girl Soldier: A Story of Hope for Northern Uganda's Children*. Grand Rapids: Chosen Books, 2007.
In this book, Akallo discusses her experiences as a child soldier with the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). McDonnell adds background information on the conflict in Northern Uganda. We recommend this book as an introduction to the conflict.
- Finnstrom, Sverker. *Living With Bad Surroundings: War, History, and Everyday Moments in Northern Uganda*. Durham: Duke University, 2008.
Finnstrom, an anthropologist, studied the conflict in Northern Uganda and how it played out in the lives of younger members of the Acholi. In doing so, Finnstrom also explains some of the background of the conflict. We recommend this book to anyone who is interested in anthropological studies of people in Northern Uganda.

ACTION IDEAS

- **STAY UPDATED** by signing yourself, your friends, your congregation members or any other interested persons for e-mail advocacy alerts from LWR. E-mail advocacy@lwr.org or visit action.lwr.org to sign up.
- **PARTICIPATE IN** Northern Uganda Lobby Days, an annual event that brings advocates from across the country to Washington, DC for activist training and lobby activities centered around Northern Uganda. For more information visit <http://www.ugandalobbyday.com/>
- **SIGN-UP** for Gulu Walk, an annual walk to bring attention to Achoili children, who at one point in time had to walk many miles every night to ensure they had a safe place to sleep. For more information visit <http://www.guluwalk.com>
- **DOWNLOAD** printable resources from LWR's website such as tips for legislative letter writing, contacting elected officials by phone and other resources to strengthen your advocacy message. Visit lwr.org/advocacy
- **ORDER** plenty of "Peace is Possible in Uganda" post cards to give out as you meet with people or download them at lwr.org/advocacy
- **HOST A PARTY FOR PEACE** by showing War Dance and using LWR's House party action guide. Go to lwr.org/uganda/index.asp
- **MAKE A GIFT** to support LWR's work in for peace and justice in Northern Uganda. Visit lwr.org/giving for more information.

DVD/VHS

The following are great media resources for use in adult forums or initiating discussions in the home. Note: These films contain material about the violent situation in Uganda and may not be appropriate for certain audiences. Please review any film before showing it in a public setting.

- **Uganda Rising**
Directed by Jesse James Miller and Pete McCormack (2004 Mindset Media, 2006)
FORMAT: DVD
SUITABLE FOR: Adults
RUNNING TIME: 82 minutes

This documentary chronicles the conflict between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni.

We recommend the section entitled (find section) in particular if need to show a smaller segment. DVD can be purchased at <http://www.ugandarising.com>.

- **Invisible Children: Discover the Unseen**
Directed by Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Lauren Poole (2003, People Like You, 2006)
FORMAT: DVD
SUITABLE FOR: High school/College audiences
RUNNING TIME: 55 minutes

While traveling in Uganda, three young Americans encounter the conflict and become impassioned with the story of the night commuters and child soldiers. The DVD can be purchased at <http://www.invisiblechildren.com/theMovement>.

- **War/Dance**
Directed by Sean Fine and Andrea Nix (2007 Velocity/Thinkfilm, 2008)
FORMAT: DVD
SUITABLE FOR: Any age group
RUNNING TIME: 105 minutes

This documentary follows three students from Patongo Primary School, a school in an impoverished refugee camp, as they compete with their school in Uganda's National Music Competition. For more information on this film, visit <http://www.wardancethemovie.com>.