

# Pray for the Karamojong People of Uganda

*The Invitation, December 14, 2023*



YWAM Uganda asks for prayer as they reach out to an ethnic group in the northeast of their country. The Karamojong (also spelled Karimojong) number nearly one million. Cattle are their main livelihood and there are often violent cattle raids among three neighboring tribes: the Acholi, Lango and Iteso. The increase in modern firearms has increased the death toll, and there is a growing number of widows. According to data from the Joshua project, the Karamojong is about 30 percent Christian, with about two percent Evangelical. Other Karamojong follow various ethnic religions. YWAM Uganda is starting an outreach center in the midst of the Karamojong and is reaching out through medical care and short-term teams. Please pray for the Karamojong people by taking a few minutes right now, and please also pray with us on December 14, our prayer day for YWAM's prayer initiative called The Invitation.

*Topic suggested by a participant in The Invitation's survey. Written by Steven Orem in Uganda. Photo from Rod Waddington - Flickr.*

- 1. Pray for an increase in Christians among the Karamojong.** Pray for courage and boldness for those who are already followers of Christ to share their faith with others. Pray also for hearts to be softened and open to hearing the good news.
- 2. Pray for the YWAM presence in Uganda.** There are currently six different YWAM locations in Uganda. Please pray for an increase in staff, resources and financial provision for these ministry centers.
- 3. Pray specifically for the YWAM Soroti, Uganda location.** YWAM Soroti is pioneering a new YWAM location in Kaabong, a town in the midst of the Karamojong people. YWAM workers are helping to feed the patients at the local hospital. This enables families to stay with their sick family members there. Pray that this ministry will lead to more opportunities to share the gospel at the hospital. The Soroti location also runs a Discipleship Training School which is doing its outreach among the Karamojong people. Please pray for their safety and for God to use them to bring hope to the people.
- 4. Pray for those who are ill.** In general, care for the sick is lacking. Most family members drop their sick family members off to the hospital and then leave. Please pray for an increase in care for the sick, both in terms of resources and ability for families to stay with their loved ones.
- 5. Pray for their crops to thrive.** The rainy season is short where the Karamojong people live and it is a very hot and dry environment. Pray for enough rain for their crops to mature.

## How We Prayed

YWAM's founder, Loren Cunningham, died on October 6 at the age of 88. Many have been praying for the Cunningham family and for YWAM. Please join us in prayer. Also, you are invited to attend one of the celebration of life events planned for the coming months. Please go to [lorencunningham.com](http://lorencunningham.com) to find out more.

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